

# COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES

## I. Comparative:

**S + V + Comparative ADJ/ADV ... + than + O/S+Aux**

[K-12 Notes] be và các động từ khác trong nhóm Linking verbs + Adjective. Các động từ thường + Adverb. Xem thêm bài viết Word form basics.

### 1. Short Adjectives: Adj + -er

Andrew is **taller** (tall) than Toby (**is**).

These boxes are **bigger** (big) than those ones (**are**).

Building A is **higher** (high) than building B (**is**).

My shoes look **cheaper** (cheap) than his shoes (**do**).

### 2. 2-syllable Adjectives ending in -y: Adj + -er

The wealthy often live a **happier** (happy) life than the poor (**do**).

Her dress seems **prettier** (pretty) than mine (**does**).

### 3. Long Adjectives or Adverbs ending in -ly: more/less + Adj/Adv

Lamborghini cars are **more/less expensive** (expensive) than BMWs (**are**).

Bus drivers are often **more/less careful** (careful) than taxi drivers (**are**).

Lan sings **more beautifully** (beautiful) than the other students (**do**).

I walk **more slowly** (slow) than my father (**does**).

### 4. “much” and “far” as Adverbs:

We use “much” and “far” to signal that the difference is huge.

Maths is **much** **harder** than English.

They play badminton **far** **better** than I do.

Old people move **much** **more** slowly than the young.

## II. Superlative:

**S + V + the superlative ADJ/ADV + (Noun)**

### 1. Short Adjectives:

She is the **shortest** (short) person in the class.

Summer used to be the **hottest** (hot) season of the year.

I think I have the **slowest** (slow) connection.

### 2. 2-syllable Adjectives ending in -y:

This girl is the **friendliest** (friendly) person I've ever met.

The pufferfish is the **deadliest** (deadly) fish in the terms of poison.

### 3. Long Adjectives or Adverbs ending in -ly:

This has to be the **most boring** (boring) movie ever.

I don't want to continue this book. It is the **least interesting** (interesting).

The **most important** (important) thing in studying is self-study in your free time.

### III. Comparison of equality:

**S + V + as + ADJ/ADV + as + Noun + (V)**

He is *as good as* Mary. (good)

They play the piano *as well as* I do. (good)

She ran *as fast as* than him. (fast)

Their ticket is *as cheap as* a candy bar. (cheap)

### IV. Special adjectives and adverbs:

Adj/Adv	Comparative	Superlative
good/well	better	the best
bad/badly/ill	worse	the worst
old	older/elder	the oldest/eldest
far	farther/further	the farthest/furthest
many/much	more	the most
little	less	the least
clever	cleverer	the cleverest
polite	politer	the politest
quiet	quieter	the quietest
simple	simpler	the simplest
stupid	stupider/more stupid	the stupidest/the most
subtle	subtler	stupid
narrow	narrower	the subtlest
shallow	shallower	the narrowest
		the shallowest

### V. Transformation exercise types with Comparative – Superlative: [K-12 Note] Đây là luật bất thành văn khi làm sentence transformation.

I am taller than my friend Tom.

<=> My friend Tom is not as tall as me.

He plays the piano better than anyone in his class does.

<=> He plays the piano the best in his class.

I've never seen such a beautiful garden.

<=> This is the most beautiful garden I've ever seen.