

Comparison of Adjectives – Steigerung der Adjektive

1. GEBRAUCH

John is **as tall as** Bill. – John ist **so groß wie** Bill.

John is **taller than** Bill. – John ist **größer als** Bill.

John is **the tallest** boy in his class. – John ist **der größte** Junge in seiner Klasse.

2. BILDUNG

Einsilbige Adjektive + Adjektive auf –y

(a) Konsonant nach kurzem, betontem Vokal wird verdoppelt: big -> bigger

(b) y am Wortende -> i – pretty -> prettier

	Grundform + er	Grundform + est
tall	tall-er	tall-est
big	bigg-er	bigg-est
pretty	pretti-er	pretti-est

Mehrsilbige Adjektive

	more + Grundform	most + Grundform
dangerous	more dangerous	most dangerous
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful

Unregelmäßige Adjektive

<i>gut</i>	good	better	best
<i>schlecht</i>	bad	worse	worst
<i>viel</i>	many / much	more	most
<i>wenig</i>	little	less	least
<i>klein</i>	little	smaller	smallest

EXERCISE 1 Steigere diese Adjektive. Beachte dabei die Regeln:

(a) Einsilbige Adjektive (nice) und zweisilbige Adjektive, die auf -y enden (pretty) steigert man mit -er und -est.

(b) Rechtschreibregel: Vor -er und -est wird ein y zu i (**pretty -> prettier**). Ein Konsonant nach einem kurzen, betonten Vokal wird verdoppelt (**big -> bigger**).

(c) Adjektive mit mehr als einer Silbe steigert man mit *more* und *most*.

(d) good und bad sind unregelmäßig: **good – better – best, bad – worse – worst**.

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small	<i>smaller</i>	<i>the smallest</i>
beautiful	<i>more beautiful</i>	<i>the most beautiful</i>
dark		
handsome		
healthy		
careful		
cool		
interesting		
fast		
happy		
intelligent		
short		
stupid		
silly		
fit		
expensive		
long		
good		
friendly		
normal		
ordinary		
fascinating		
hungry		
slim		
patient		
inviting		
easy		
thin		
boring		
fat		
bad		
delicious		
awesome		
enormous		
early		
fabulous		

EXERCISE 2 In the text, underline all adjectives and fill in the table! Then complete the table with the missing forms.

Peter is my best friend. He is the smartest boy in my class, so he gets excellent marks in all subjects. However, he is really bad at sports. He is a terrible football player. When we run in PE, he is always the slowest. Peter has a nice girlfriend, Jenny. She is the prettiest girl at our school, and she is also cooler than the other girls.

Grundform	Komparativ	Superlativ
		best

EXERCISE 3a Fill in the adjective that fits best in the comparative form: ~~big~~ – dangerous – fast – small – intelligent

- Elephants are bigger than zebras.
- Lions are _____ than horses.
- Horses are _____ than cows.
- Mice are _____ than cats.
- Monkeys are _____ than cats.

EXERCISE 3b Now write some sentences about animals yourself.

rabbit – snake – tiger – bird – hamster – fly – budgie – pig – fox ...
cute – small – dangerous – tiny – hungry – big – clever ...

EXERCISE 4a Fill in the adjectives that fit best. Use the superlative form.

~~big~~ – important – fast – intelligent – beautiful – dangerous

- Whales are the biggest animals in the world.
- Cheetas (Geparden) are _____ animals.
- Monkeys, dolphins and parrots are some of the _____ animals in the world.
- Bears and wolves are _____ animals in Europe.
- In my opinion, peacocks (Pfauen) are _____ birds.
- Chickens are _____ farm animals.

EXERCISE 4b Complete the sentences with your own ideas!

- a) _____ is / are the most delicious food I have tried.
- b) _____ is the best actor I know.
- c) _____ is the greatest book I have read.
- d) _____ is the most interesting school subject.
- e) _____ is the most fantastic film I have watched.

EXERCISE 5 Fill in the right form: positive (big) – comparative (bigger) – superlative (the biggest).

- a) **intelligent**: Nick is an _____ boy, but Ken is even _____ than him. Marcus is _____ boy in their class.
- b) **small**: Susan is a very _____ girl, but her little sister Sarah is even _____ than her. And their cousin Sandy is _____ girl in the family.
- c) **tidy**: My room is always very _____, but my brother's room is even _____ than mine. My mum's room is _____ room in our house.

EXERCISE 6 Write full sentences like in exercise 2. Write on an extra sheet of paper.

- a) tall man: Michael – Andrew – Steve
Michael is a tall man, but Andrew is taller than him. Steve is the tallest.
- b) boring subject: Geography – Math – English
- c) nice teacher: Miss Hunt – Mr. Miller – Mr. Parker
- d) healthy food: bananas – apples – carrots
- e) interesting sport: basketball – rugby – football
- f) good actor: Brad Pitt – Angelina Jolie – Johnny Depp

EXERCISE 4 Translate the sentences into English! Please write on an extra sheet of paper.

- a) Meine Tante ist größer als mein Onkel.
- b) Hunde sind intelligenter als Kühe.
- c) Herr Smith ist der netteste Lehrer an unserer Schule.
- d) Jane ist die intelligenteste Schülerin in meiner Klasse.
- e) Tom ist kleiner als sein Bruder.
- f) Ich bin so groß wie du.
- g) Er ist der beste Spieler im Team.
- h) Deine Erkältung (*cold*) ist schlimmer als gestern.
- i) Caroline ist das schönste Mädchen in der Stadt.
- j) Er ist dümmer als ich.
- k) Unser Auto ist langsamer als Peters Auto.
- l) Das ist die heißeste Suppe, die ich je gegessen habe.

m) Sein letzter Film war so gut wie der erste.

EXERCISE 5 Fill in the right form of the verb in brackets.

- a) This summer was a lot _____ (cold) than the last one. I hope the next summer will be _____ (warm) than this one!
- b) This is the _____ (good) chocolate cake I've ever tried. Can you give me the recipe? – Yes, of course. I found it in this _____ (old) cookbook.
- c) Let's buy this watch. It is _____ (cheap) than the others. – Yes, it is, but the others look much _____ (nice). And this one is not much _____ (expensive) than that one; it only costs 5 dollars more.
- d) There were three dogs in our garden. One was very _____ (small). The other one was a little _____ (big) than the first one. The last one was as _____ (big) as the second dog.
- e) We have cleaned the whole house. The kitchen is now as _____ (clean) as the bathroom. But the living room is a bit _____ (clean) than my brother's room because he is so untidy. My room is the _____ (clean) of all!

Lösungen

EXERCISE 1

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short	shorter	the shortest
stupid	more stupid	the most stupid
silly	sillier	the silliest
fit	fitter	the fittest
expensive	more expensive	the most expensive
long	longer	the longest
good	better	the best
friendly	friendlier	the friendliest
normal	more normal	the most normal
ordinary	more ordinary	the most ordinary
fascinating	more fascinating	the most fascinating
hungry	hungrier	the hungriest
slim	slimmer	the slimmest
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inviting	more inviting	the most inviting
easy	easier	the easiest
thin	thinner	the thinnest
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delicious	more delicious	the most delicious
awesome	more awesome	the most awesome
enormous	more enormous	the most enormous
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EXERCISE 2 Peter is my best friend. He is the smartest boy in my class, so he gets excellent marks in all subjects. However, he is really bad at sports. He is a terrible football player. When we run in PE, he is always the slowest. Peter has a nice girlfriend, Jenny. She is the prettiest girl at our school, and she is also cooler than the other girls.

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smart	smarter	smartest
excellent	more excellent	most excellent
bad	worse	worst
terrible	more terrible	most terrible
slow	slower	slowest
nice	nicer	nicest
pretty	prettier	prettiest
cool	cooler	coolest

EXERCISE 3a b) Lions are **more dangerous** than horses.

c) Horses are **faster** than cows.

- d) Mice are **smaller** than cats.
- e) Monkeys are **more intelligent** than cats.

EXERCISE 4a b) Cheetas (Geparden) are **the fastest** animals.

- c) Monkeys, dolphins and parrots are some of the **most intelligent** animals in the world.
- d) Bears and wolves are **the most dangerous** animals in Europe.
- e) In my opinion, peacocks (Pfauen) are **the most beautiful** birds.
- f) Chickens are **the most important** farm animals.

EXERCISE 5 a) **intelligent**: Nick is an **intelligent** boy, but Ken is even **more intelligent** than him. Marcus is **the most intelligent** boy in their class.

b) **small**: Susan is a very **small** girl, but her little sister Sarah is even **smaller** than her. And their cousin Sandy is **the smallest** girl in the family.

c) **tidy**: My room is always very **tidy**, but my brother's room is even **tidier** than mine. My mum's room is **the tidiest** room in our house.

EXERCISE 6 Beispiellösungen:

b) boring subject: Geography – Math – English

Geography is a boring subject. Math is even more boring. And English is the most boring subject.

c) nice teacher: Miss Hunt – Mr. Miller – Mr. Parker

Miss Hunt is nice, but Mr Miller is nicer. Mr. Parker is the nicest teacher at our school.

d) healthy food: bananas – apples – carrots

Bananas are healthy. Apples are healthier. Carrots are the healthiest.

e) interesting sport: basketball – rugby – football

Basketball is interesting. Rugby is more interesting. Football is the most interesting sport.

f) good actor: Brad Pitt – Angelina Jolie – Johnny Depp

Brad Pitt is a good actor, but Angelina Jolie is better, and Johnny Depp is the best.

EXERCISE 7 Translate the sentences into English! Please write on an extra sheet of paper.

- a) My aunt is taller than my uncle.
- b) Dogs are more intelligent than cows.
- c) Mr Smith is the nicest teacher a tour school.
- d) Jane ist he most intelligent pupil in my class.
- e) Tom is smaller than his brother.
- f) I'm as tall as you.
- g) He is the best player in the team.
- h) Your cold is worse than yesterday.
- i) Caroline is the prettiest girl in town.
- j) He is more stupid (dumber) than me.
- k) Our car is slower than Pete's (car).
- l) This is the hottest soup I've ever eaten.
- m) His last film was as good as the first.

EXERCISE 8 a) This summer was a lot **colder** than the last one. I hope the next summer will be **warmer** than this one!

b) This is the **best** chocolate cake I've ever tried. Can you give me the recipe? – Yes, of course. I found it in this **old** cookbook.

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