

COMPARATIVES

Adjectives can be compared in different ways. Look at the following examples: Ram is tall.

(Positive Degree)

Ram is taller than Shyam. (Comparative Degree)

Ram is the tallest boy in the class. (Superlative Degree)

The positive degree of an adjective is the adjective in its simplest form. It is used to denote mere existence of some quality of what we speak about.

The comparative degree of an adjective denotes a higher degree of quality than the positive and is used when two things or sets of things are compared.

The superlative degree of an adjective denotes the highest degree of quality and is used when more than two things or sets of things are compared.

Some adverbs, like adjectives, too have three degree of comparison. They are the adverbs of manner, degree and time.

Gita runs fast.

Gita runs faster than Sita. (Manner) Gita runs the fastest of all.

He writes beautifully.

He writes more beautifully than his friends. (Degree) His handwriting is the most beautiful of all.

He came early.

He came earlier than others. (Time) He came the earliest of all.

Common errors:

He is superior/inferior than me. (Incorrect) He is superior/ inferior to me. (correct)

I prefer tea than coffee. (incorrect)

I prefer tea to coffee. (Correct)

I am feeling more better than yesterday. (Incorrect) I am feeling better than yesterday. (Correct)

Ram is tallest by in the class. (Incorrect) Ram is the tallest boy in the class. (Correct)

Solved Example

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word to complete the sentences. (a) However this typewriter is, I won't buy it.

(b) She economizes.....she can. Yet she cannot make ends meet.

(c) He may get a deal of salary. Nevertheless, he will not work any harder.

(d) He may be.....person on the earth but he will fail to lift that iron box.

(e) The.....boy runs very quickly. Yet he always fail to catch the bus.

(f) The sea may be adistance away. Yet those animals always reach it.

Ans. (a) cheap (b) as much as (c) great (d) the strongest (e)small (f) long

Practice Question

1. Fill the blanks with the appropriate word to complete the sentences.

- (a) What I have discovered so far in my life, is that sleep is the.....thing in the world.
- (b) The.....we think, theconfused we get.
- (c) She is a rose.

2. Fill the blanks with the appropriate word to complete the sentences. (a) Only a few cities in the world areKolkata.

- (b) Some girls in her class are..... Than Radha.
- (c) Kolkata University isall the other universities in India.

3. Fill the blanks with the appropriate word to complete the sentences. (a)

His house is..... from my house that from yours.

- (b) No.news is there regarding the bomb blasts.
- (c) I have two sons, Ayushman and Mridul. The Former is an MBA and theis a doctor.

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