

Comparative and superlative adjectives

1 Write the comparative form of the adjectives in the correct place in the table.

aggressive bad big expensive fast
good heavy lovely short slow

-er	double consonant + -er	y + -ier
more	irregular	

2 Complete the sentences with the comparative and superlative form of the adjectives.

Science is more difficult than geography, but maths is the most difficult. (difficult)

- Mont Blanc is _____ the Matterhorn, but Mount Everest is _____ mountain. (high)
- Meg is _____ Kate, but Jim is _____. (short)
- Scotland is _____ Wales, but England is _____ country in the UK. (big)
- Jan is _____ David, but Simon is _____. (funny)
- Sam is _____ Rosie, but Jill is _____. (intelligent)
- Manchester United is _____ Chelsea, but Barcelona is _____ football team. (good)

3 Write sentences using the comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives.

- Meg / old / Max
Meg is older than Max.
- this book / interesting
This book is the most interesting.
- swimming / good / exercise / walking

 - my brother / fast runner / at school

 - fruit / healthy / chocolate

 - blue whale / big / animal

Ability: can and could

4 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *can* and *could*.

- Sue Jim, ¹_____ you swim?
Jim Yes, I can.
Sue ²_____ you swim when you were seven?
Jim Yes, I ³_____.
Sue ⁴_____ you swim when you were five?
Jim No, I ⁵_____.
Sue ⁶_____ you play the guitar when you were seven?
Jim No, and I ⁷_____ play it when I was five, but I ⁸_____ play it now. I'm very good.
Sue ⁹_____ you help me with my music homework?
Jim No, I ¹⁰_____!

Questions with How ...?

5 Complete the questions with the words in the box. Then match questions 1–6 with answers a–f.

How far How fast How high How long
How many How much How old

- _____ water have we got?
 - _____ students are in your class?
 - _____ can a cheetah run?
 - _____ is it from London to Edinburgh?
 - _____ is the River Nile?
 - _____ is the Eiffel Tower?
 - _____ was Mozart when he started to play the piano?
- a About 1,500 kilometres.
b About 550 kilometres.
c About 300 metres.
d He was three years old.
e About two litres.
f Seventy-five kilometres per hour.
g There are about twenty-five, I think.