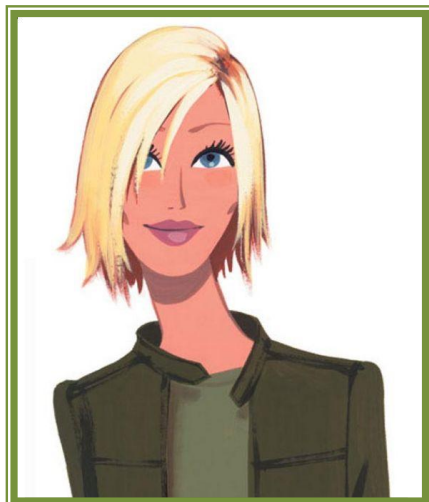


COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES - Exercises - KEY

1) Read the information about these girls and complete the activities below.

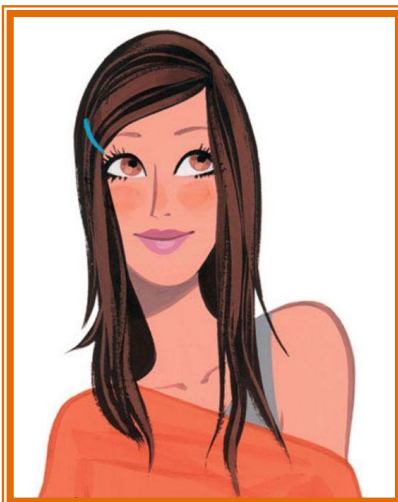


Name: I'm Liz Taylor.

Age: I'm 22.

Height: I'm 1m73 tall.

Liz is a journalist and works for *Cosmopolitan* magazine. She is very intelligent, active and ambitious. She doesn't like sport. She is a hard worker and she spends many hours at work. She has a good salary.



Name: I'm Carla Green.

Age: I'm 21.

Height: I'm 1m68 tall.

Carla is a student at university. She studies Art. Her grades aren't very good because she's a bit lazy, but she is quite talented for painting and sculpture. She has a part-time job as a waitress in a nightclub. She loves fast food.



Name: I'm Rachel Scott.

Age: I'm 24.

Height: I'm 1m69 tall.

Rachel is a police officer in London. She was not a good student at school. She is clever and brave. She is fit and strong. She follows a healthy diet and she never eats junk food. Her salary is not very good.

A. Activity one. Complete the sentences with a suitable adjective in the COMPARATIVE.

1. Rachel is **taller** (tall) than Carla.
2. Carla is **lazier** (lazy) than Liz.
3. Rachel is **healthier** (healthy) than Carla.
4. Liz is **more intelligent** (intelligent) than Rachel.
5. Liz has a **better** (good) salary than Liz.
6. Liz works **harder** (hard) than Carla.
7. Rachel's job is **more dangerous** (dangerous) than Carla's.
8. Rachel is **braver** (brave) than Carla.
9. Rachel's grades at school were **worse** (bad) than Carla's.
10. Liz is **younger** (young) than Rachel.
11. Rachel is **older** (old) than Carla.
12. Rachel is **shorter** (short) than Liz.
13. Liz is **more ambitious** (ambitious) than Carla.
14. Liz's hair is **shorter** (short) than Carla's.
15. Rachel's hair is **longer** (long) than Liz's.
16. Carla is **more talented** (talented) for painting than Rachel.
17. Liz is **richer** (rich) than Carla.
18. Carla's eyes are **bigger** (big) than Rachel's.

B. Activity two. Complete the sentences with a suitable adjective in the SUPERLATIVE.

1. Rachel's hair is **the longest** (long).
2. Carla is **the youngest** (young).
3. Rachel is **the oldest** (old).
4. Liz is **the most intelligent** (intelligent).
5. Rachel is **the healthiest** (healthy).
6. Liz is **the most hard-working** (hard-working).
7. Liz is **the tallest** (tall).
8. Rachel is **the most clever/the cleverest** (clever).
9. Carla is **the most talented** (talented).
10. Rachel's job is **the most dangerous** (dangerous).
11. Carla is **the laziest** (lazy) of the three girls.
12. Carla's salary is **the worst** (bad).
13. Liz earns **the best** (good) salary.
14. Rachel is **the sportiest** (sporty).
15. Liz is **the most studious** (studious).
16. Rachel is **the strongest** (strong).
17. Liz's hair's **the shortest** (short).
18. Carla's job is **the funniest** (funny).
19. Liz's eyes are **the smallest** (small).
20. Carla is **the most fashionable** (fashionable).

2) **Forming comparatives and superlatives.**

Happy	<i>Happier</i>	<i>Happiest</i>
Beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
New	newer	the newest
Lovely	lovelier	the loveliest
Hot	hotter	the hottest
Good	better	the best
Handsome	more handsome	the most handsome
Mean	meaner	the meanest
Generous	more generous	the most generous
Thin	thinner	the thinnest
Busy	busier	the busiest
Patient	more patient	the most patient
Young	younger	the youngest
Bad	worse	the worst
Comfortable	more comfortable	the most comfortable
Rude	ruder	the rudest
Fit	fitter	the fittest
Large	larger	the largest

3) **As...as / not as... as**

A. Rewrite the sentences with *as... as* or *not as... as*.

1) Bob's taller than Jack.

Jack's not as tall as Bob.

2) Bob got more presents than Jack.

Jack didn't get as many presents as Bob.

3) Jill's more intelligent than Bill.

Bill is not as intelligent as Jill.

4) The sun's hotter than the moon.

The moon isn't as hot as the sun.

Are you and your husband the same age?

Are you as old as your husband?

B. Making sentences about you.

Write six sentences about you and your family (2 comparatives, 2 superlatives, 2 with as...as.)

4) Write sentences about Liz and Ben. Use "than".

- 1) I'm 24.
- 2) I'm a very good swimmer.
- 3) I'm 1 meter 66 tall.
- 4) I start work at 8.30 am.
- 5) I work very hard.
- 6) I've got lots of money.
- 7) I'm not a very good driver.
- 8) I'm very friendly.



- 1) I'm 26.
- 2) I'm not a very good swimmer.
- 3) I'm 1 meter 68 tall.
- 4) I start work at 8 o'clock.
- 5) I don't work very hard.
- 6) I haven't got much money.
- 7) I'm a very good driver.
- 8) I'm not very friendly.

- 1) **Liz is older than Ben.**
- 2) **Ben is a better swimmer than Liz.**
- 3) **Liz is taller than Ben.**
- 4) **Liz starts work earlier than Ben.**
- 5) **Ben works harder than Liz.**
- 6) **Ben has got more money than Liz.**
- 7) **Liz is a better driver than Ben.**
- 8) **Ben is friendlier than Liz.**

5) Put in "as" or "than".

- 1) Athens is older **than** Rome.
- 2) I don't watch TV as much **as** you.
- 3) You eat more **than** me.
- 4) I feel better **than** I felt yesterday.
- 5) Jim isn't as clever **as** he thinks.
- 6) Belgium is smaller **than** Switzerland.

6) A. Complete the sentences. Use than.

- 1) He isn't very tall. **You're taller than him (or... than he is).**
- 2) She isn't very old. **You're older than her/than she is.**
- 3) He doesn't watch TV very much. **You watch TV more than him/than he does.**
- 4) We don't know many people. **You know more people than us/than we do.**
- 5) They haven't got much money. **You've got more money than them/than they have.**
- 6) He wasn't very surprised. **You were more surprised than him/than he was.**

B. Complete the sentences with 'a bit' or 'much' + a comparative (older / better, etc.).

1) Jill is 25. Gary is 24 ½.

Jill is a bit older than Gary.

2) Jack's mother is 54. His father is 69.

Jack's mother is much younger than his father.

3) My camera cost £100. Yours cost £96.

My camera cost a bit more than yours./was a bit more expensive than yours.

4) Yesterday I felt terrible. Today I feel OK.

I feel much better today than yesterday.

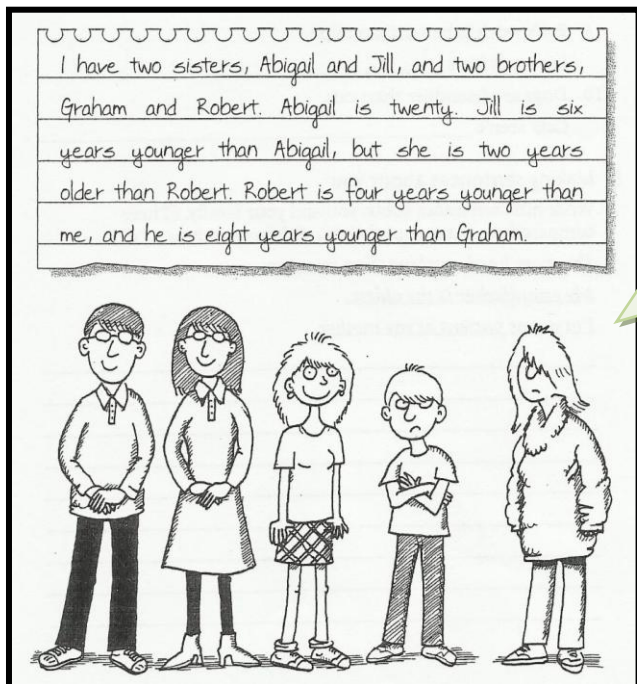
5) Today the temperature is 12 degrees. Yesterday it was ten degrees.

It's a bit warmer today than yesterday.

7) Fill in!

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| 1) You've got a bigger car than me . | -> | Your car is bigger than mine . |
| 2) I've got a bigger car than you . | -> | My car is bigger than yours . |
| 3) I've got a bigger car than him . | -> | My car is bigger than his . |
| 4) I've got a bigger car than her . | -> | My car is bigger than hers . |
| 5) They 've got a bigger car than us . | -> | Their car is bigger than ours . |
| 6) We 've got a bigger car than them . | -> | Our car is bigger than theirs . |

8) How old am I? – Read the text and answer the questions below.



- 1) How old am I?
16
- 2) Who is the youngest in the family?
Robert.
- 3) How old is Robert?
He's 12.
- 4) Is Jill older than me?
No, she isn't. She's 14.
- 5) Am I the oldest in the family?
No, you aren't.
- 6) Who are the twins?

9) Opposite adjectives – Complete the sentences with an opposite adj. in its comparative or superlative form.

1) Robert is the oldest in the family.

No he isn't. He is the youngest.

2) Bob is more polite than his brother.

No, he isn't. He is ruder.

3) I'm the tallest in the class!

No, you aren't. You are the smallest/shortest.

4) My homework was worse than yours.

No, it wasn't. It was better.

5) The weather today is colder than yesterday.

No, it isn't. It's warmer/hotter.

6) She bought the cheapest watch in the shop.

No, she didn't. She bought the most expensive.

10) Write sentences about the following items using a superlative!

E.g. The giraffe can be over 6 metres tall.

It is the tallest animal in the world.

1) The Blue Whale weighs up to 190 tonnes.

It is the heaviest animal/mammal in the world.

2) In the eastern Sahara the sun shines for 97% of the day.

It is the sunniest desert/area in the world.

3) Mount Everest is 8,848 metres high.

It is the highest mountain in the world.

4) The cheetah can run at over 100 kph.

It is the fastest animal in the world.