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**COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVES ADJECTIVES  
IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS**

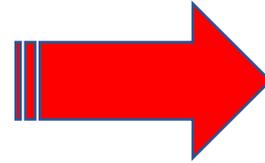
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# Comparatives & Superlatives



comparative  
adjectives



*Comparative adjectives are used to compare differences between two people, places or things. They are used in sentences where two nouns are compared.*

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## COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES

The dog is **faster** than the elephant.

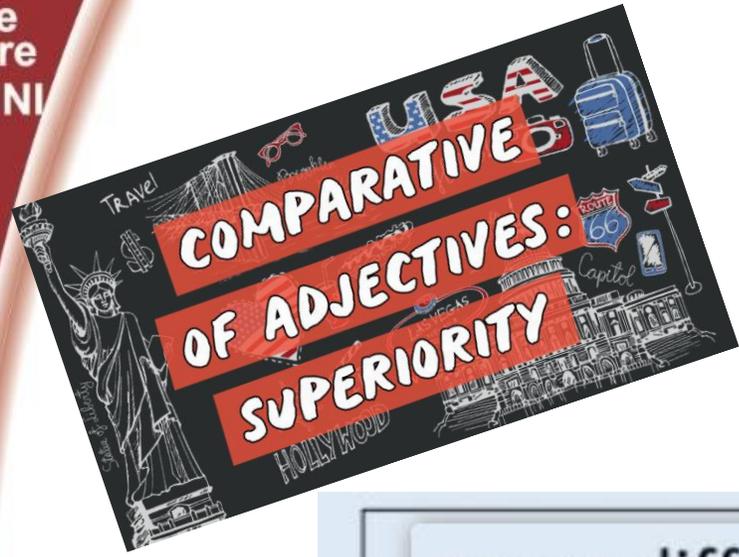
The horse is **the fastest**.

The horse is **bigger** than the dog.

The elephant is **the heaviest**.

The dog is **more energetic** than the elephant.





TERM 1 + VERB + MORE + ADJECTIVE + THAN + TERM 2

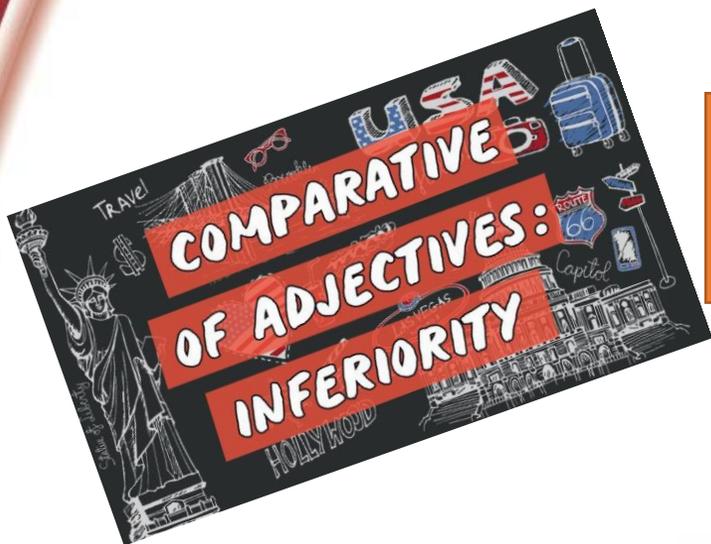
more difficult   bigger   taller   more colorful

Pedro is \_\_\_\_\_ than Luis.

Math is \_\_\_\_\_ than biology.

The hamburger is \_\_\_\_\_ than the pizza.

Karen's house is \_\_\_\_\_ than Valeria's.



TERM 1 + VERB + **LESS** + **ADJECTIVE** + **THAN** + TERM 2

## COMPARATIVES inferiority



Scotland is **less big** than France  
Lucy is **less tall** than Luke  
The bus is **less expensive** than the train  
July is **less cold** than January  
My book is **less interesting** than your book



TERM 1 + VERB + **AS** + ADJECTIVE + **AS** + TERM 2



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MISY IS **AS** INTELLIGENT **AS** HELEN



Laura is as tall as Claire



The lion is as big as the tiger.

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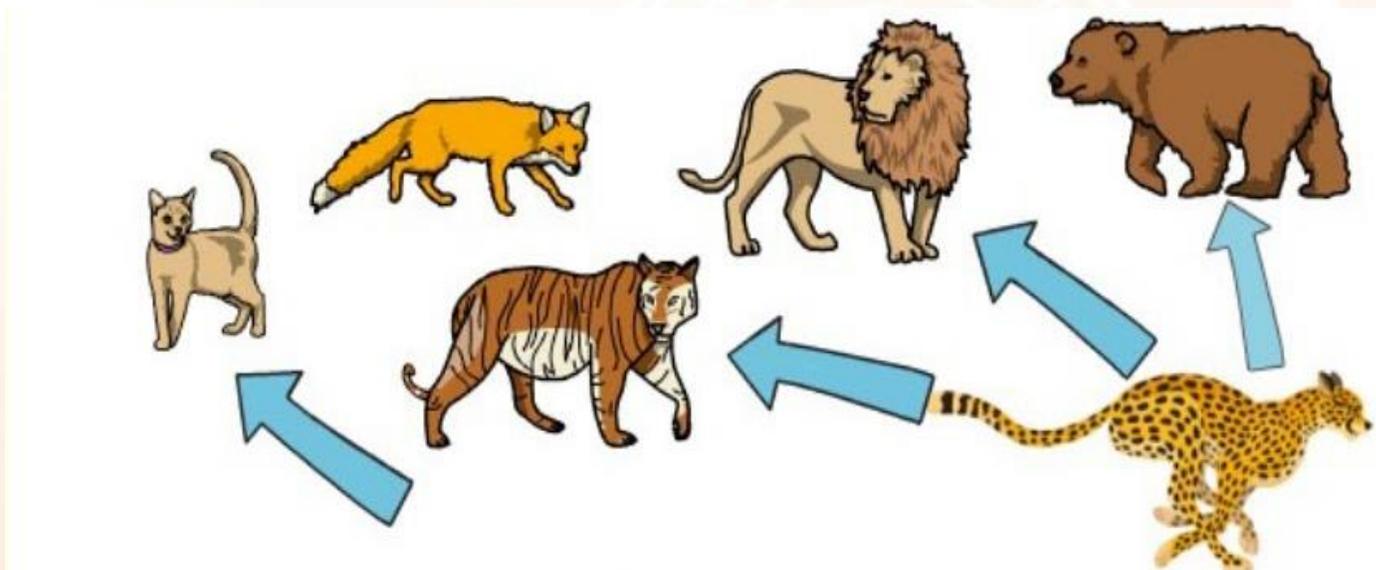
# Superlative Adjectives



*We use the superlative to compare more than two people, places or things.*



**SUBJECT + VERB + SUPERLATIVE ADJ. + NOUN**



The cheetah is *the fastest* land animal.

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## RULE 1

	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE syllable	fast young	-ER faster younger	-EST the fastest the youngest

*My brother is **the fastest** boy in his class.*

## RULE 2

	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE syllable Ending in -E	nice strange	-R nicer stranger	-ST the nicest the strangest

*Rose, my friend, is **nicer than** my cousin.*

## RULE 3

ONE syllable  
Consonant +  
Short Vowel +  
Consonant

### ADJECTIVE

big  
hot

### COMPARATIVE

Double the last consonant and add  
-ER  
bigger  
hotter

### SUPERLATIVE

-EST  
the biggest  
the hottest

*The soup is **hotter than** the salad.*

## RULE 4

TWO syllables  
Ending in -Y

### ADJECTIVE

happy  
crazy

### COMPARATIVE

Remove the -Y and add  
-IER  
happier  
crazier

### SUPERLATIVE

-IEST  
the happiest  
the craziest

*My son is **the happiest** kid in the party.*

# RULE 5

TWO or MORE  
syllables

## ADJECTIVE

famous  
beautiful

## COMPARATIVE

MORE +  
more famous  
more beautiful

## SUPERLATIVE

THE MOST +  
the most famous  
the most beautiful

*Pam is **the most beautiful** girl in the neighborhood.*

*Some comparative  
and superlative  
forms are irregular  
and do not follow  
any rules or  
patterns.*

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
far	further	furthest
little	less	least
much	more	most

## Exercise 1

Choose the correct option.

1. Tom is \_\_\_\_\_ than Dave.

a) fastest



faster

c) more fast

2. John is \_\_\_\_\_ than me.



taller

b) tallest

c) more tall

3. A flower is \_\_\_\_\_ than a leaf.

a) beautifuller

b) the most beautiful



more beautiful

4. Barry is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the class

a) noiser



noisest

c) noissest

5. The artic is \_\_\_\_\_ place on earth.



the coldest

b) the colder

c) the most cold



*Idioms and expressions are an important part of everyday English. We use them both in written and spoken English. Idioms don't always make sense literally; you need to familiarize yourself with the meaning and usage of each idiom.*

## In the doghouse

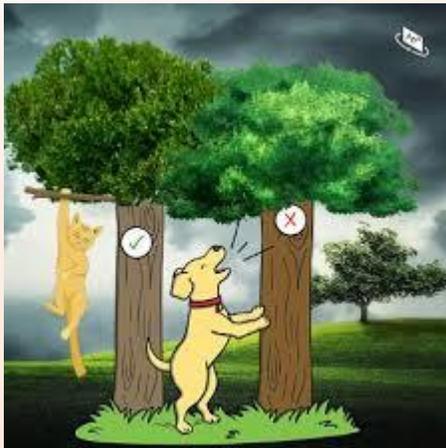


In a bad situation because someone is angry at one : in trouble.

Example:

- I'm **in the doghouse**. I broke Sarah's favorite cup this morning.

## Barking up the wrong tree



To be wrong about the reason for something or the way to achieve something.

Example:

- If he expects to borrow money from me, he's **barking up the wrong tree**.

## Cry over spilt milk

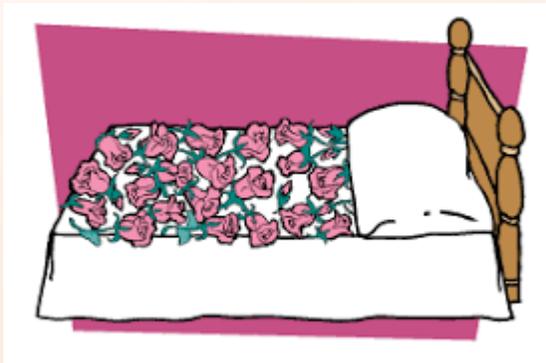


To be upset about things that have already been done and cannot be changed.

Example:

- Well, you didn't pass the entrance exam. There's no point **crying over spilt milk.**

## Bed of roses



A situation of comfort or easy option

Example:

- Life is not **a bed of roses.** You have to study and work hard.

## Nutty as a fruitcake

To be a very strange or crazy person.



Example:

- Don't pay attention to Jhon. He's **nutty as a fruitcake.**

## Beat around the bush

It means to avoid answering a question.



Example:

- Come to the matter quickly. Don't **beat around the bush!**



## Break a leg

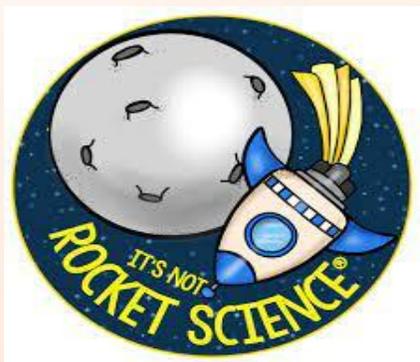


To wish someone good luck, especially before a performance.

Example:

- You have an important exam tomorrow so **break a leg!**

## It's not a rocket science



It is easy to understand or is not difficult to do/understand.

Example:

- Come on, it's only a crossword, **it's not rocket science.**

## Actions speak louder than words



Believe what people do and not what they say.

Example:

- You can say what you like on paper, but **actions speak louder than words.**

## And arm and a leg



A lot of money

Example:

- My new dress costs me **an arm and a leg.**

# Exercise 1

Choose the correct option.

1. Getting my car fixed is going to cost me \_\_\_\_\_ as the engine has completely blown, but I have no choice. I need it for work.

a) a piece of cake

b) a bed of roses



, an arm and a leg

2. I was in a cafe in Italy and amazingly I saw Paul from down the road in there. \_\_\_\_\_

a) Can't judge a book by its cover.

b) Actions speak louder than words.

 It's a small world.

3. Jan is finally getting a chance to go on her trip of a lifetime, a holiday to Australia! She was \_\_\_\_\_ when I spoke to her.



, over the moon.

b) a couch potato.

c) all ears.

4. The government keeps talking about reducing poverty but what do they ever do about it? Nothing! \_\_\_\_\_

a) Call it a day.



Actions speak louder than words.

c) Bite off more than we could chew.

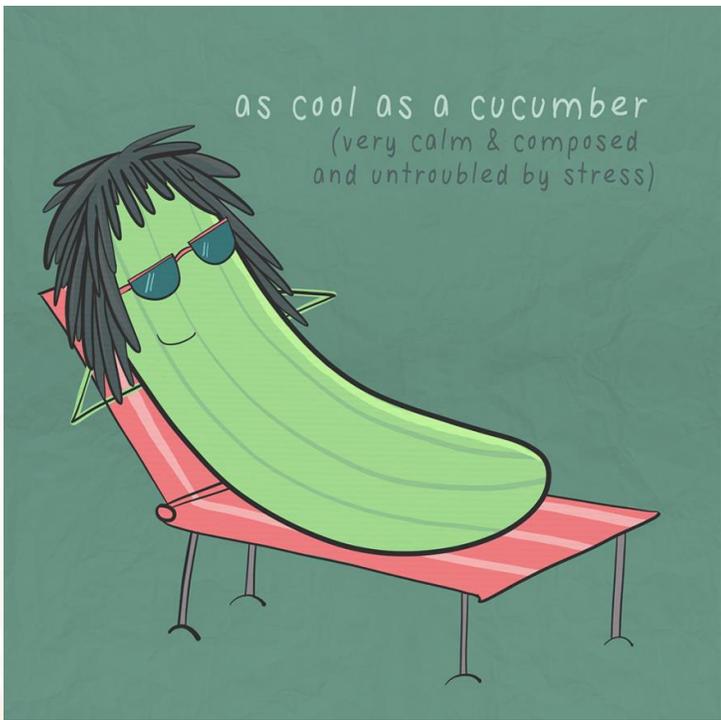
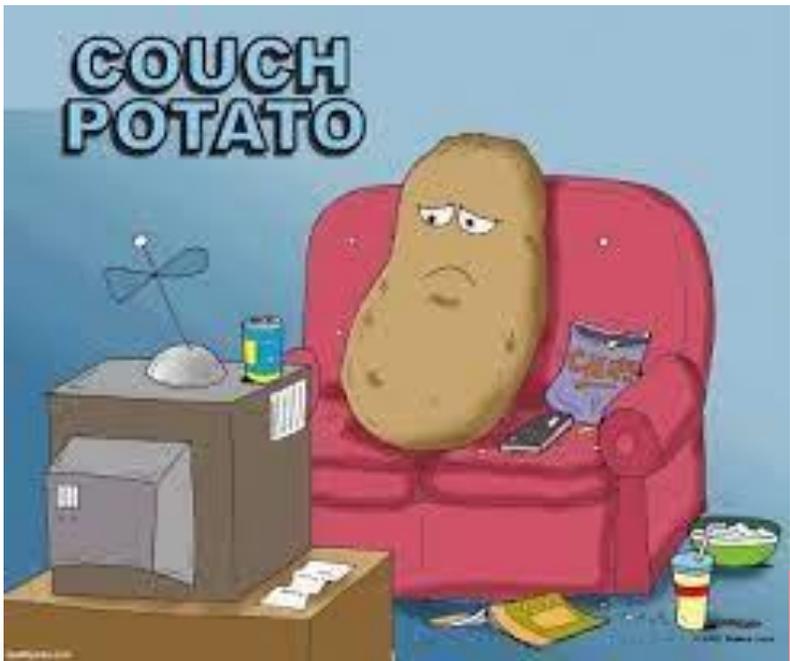
5. The interview for that new job was \_\_\_\_\_. They asked me really easy questions.



a piece of cake

b) crying over spilt milk

c) the best of both worlds





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