

A2 - Travelling



Grammar focus: Comparative and superlative adjectives

Warm-up discussion

1. What's the most beautiful place you've visited?
2. Do you prefer cities or small towns? Why?
3. Which country is hotter, colder, or more expensive than yours?
4. What is your favourite place in your city or country?



What is an adjective?

An adjective is a word that describes a noun — it gives more information about a person, place, or thing.

Examples:

1. *A beautiful beach.*
2. *A cold drink.*
3. *An old suitcase.*
4. *A friendly guide.*

Adjectives describe things like:

1. What something looks like (*tall, small, red*).
2. How someone feels (*happy, tired, excited*).
3. What something is like (*cheap, expensive, dangerous*).



Comparative and superlative adjectives

Type	Structure	Example
Comparative	adjective + -er	Cheaper, bigger
	more + adjective	more beautiful
Superlative	The + adjective + -est	The cheapest, the biggest
	The most + adjective	The most beautiful



Spelling rules

Rule	Example
Consonant-Vowel-Consonant → Double the last consonant → + -er / -est	big → bigger, the biggest
Ends in -e → + -r / -st	large → larger, the largest
Ends in consonant + 'y' → Change 'y' into 'i' + -er / -est	happy → happier, the happiest
Two or more syllables not ending in 'y' → use 'more' / 'the most' + adjective	beautiful → more beautiful, the most beautiful

Remember: Use 'than' after comparatives. Use 'the' before superlatives.

Superlative rule with possessive adjectives

When a possessive adjective (*my, your, his, her, our, their*) comes before a superlative adjectives, you do not use 'the.'

Correct structure:

1. That's **the my best** holiday memory. ✘
2. That's **my best** holiday memory. ✔

Examples:

1. This is **my best** suitcase — it has wheels and extra space.
2. We have **our most exciting** trip last year.
3. He told me **his worst** flight story ever.
4. That was **her biggest** mistake while travelling.

Why? → Because the possessive adjective (*my, your, his, etc.*) already signals ownership, so 'the' becomes redundant and ungrammatical in front of the superlative.



“Two Trips, One Lesson”

Last year, I took two trips — one to Thailand and one to Germany. Thailand was hotter and cheaper. The beaches were more beautiful than anything I had seen before. I stayed in a small hotel near the ocean. It was the most relaxing place I’d ever stayed.

Germany was colder, but I found it more interesting. The museums in Berlin were the most impressive I’ve ever visited. The trains were faster and more reliable than in my country.

In Thailand, the food was the spiciest, and I loved it. In Germany, the food was less spicy, but the desserts were sweeter.

After both trips, I realised something: sometimes the simplest moments — like watching a sunset or walking through a quiet street — are the best.



Comprehension questions



1. Which country was cheaper?
2. Where were the beaches more beautiful?
3. What was the most relaxing place?
4. Which country was colder?
5. What did the speaker say about German museums?
6. How did the speaker describe the trains?
7. What was the spiciest food?
8. What was sweeter in Germany?
9. What kind of moments did the speaker enjoy the most?

Gap-fill exercise

Instructions: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective in brackets (comparative or superlative).

1. This hotel is much ____ (cheap) than the last one.
2. That was the ____ (hot) summer I've ever experienced.
3. Tokyo is ____ (modern) than Bangkok.
4. This is the ____ (expensive) restaurant in the city.
5. My bag is ____ (heavy) than yours.
6. Which city is ____ (cold), London or Moscow?
7. Our room is ____ (big) than theirs.
8. Venice is one of the ____ (beautiful) places I've visited.



“The World Trip That Went Wrong” — Mistake hunt

Instructions: Read the text below. Each sentence contains one mistake with a comparative or superlative adjective. Identify and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. Paris was more colder than I expected.
2. It was the most beautifuler city I visited, but also the most expensive.
3. My hotel was the smaller in the neighbourhood, and the noisiest.
4. The food was good, but not better than the street food in Bangkok.
5. My backpack was more heavier than my friend's.
6. That flight was the badest one I've ever had!
7. The weather in Rome was hoter than in London.
8. Venice was more romanticest than any other place I've been.
9. The tour guide in Spain was more friendlier than the one in France.
10. Out of all the countries, Japan was the more interesting.



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