

3.2 Comparative and superlative adjectives

- We use the comparative form of adjectives and the word **than** to compare two people or things:
*Daniel Craig is **taller than** Zac Efron.*
- To compare two people or things, we can also use the structure: (not) as + adjective + as:
*Rupert Grint is **not as famous as** Daniel Radcliffe.*
- We use the superlative form of adjectives to show that a person or thing has the highest degree of a certain quality (compared to at least two other people or things):
*Sean Connery is **the tallest** of the three James Bond actors.*

Adjectives		Comparative	Superlative
one-syllable	young	younger	the youngest
	nice	nicer	the nicest
	hot	hotter	the hottest
one- and two-syllable ending in -y	pretty	prettier	the prettiest
	dry	drier	the driest
two-syllable or longer	attractive	more attractive	the most attractive
	difficult	more difficult	the most difficult
irregular	good	better	the best
	bad	worse	the worst
	far	further	the furthest

To compare two people or things, we can also use the following structures:

- (just) as** + adjective + **as**, when two things or people are the same:
*The plot of Angela's latest novel is **as complex as** her previous one.*
- not as** + adjective + **as**, when two things or people are different:
*For me, talent shows **aren't as interesting as** game shows.*

Comparative adjectives may also be used with *a bit* or *much/far*:

- a bit**: *Reading an e-book is **a bit easier**.*
- much/far**:
*This television is **much more expensive** because it has a better screen.*

1 Choose the correct option.

- This is the *longer / longest* film I've ever seen.
- He's not as clever *than / as* his sister.
- The Po is *more short / shorter* than the Nile.
- The *taller / tallest* building in the world is in Dubai.
- Is this car *more cheap / cheaper* than that one?
- Which is the *worse / worst* play you've ever seen?
- Can I use your smartphone camera? It's *better / best* than mine.
- A restaurant is usually *more expensive / most expensive* than a pub.
- My school friends are *more friendly / friendlier* than my cousins.
- Jane is the *prettier / prettiest* girl in the class.

2 Complete the sentences with **as**, **more** or **than**.

- E-books are often a bit cheaper _____ paper books.
- Watching documentaries is _____ engaging than watching sitcoms.
- The soundtrack to this movie is just as moving _____ the script.
- This romantic comedy is much funnier _____ I expected.
- Reality TV shows aren't as imaginative today _____ they used to be.
- The plots of thrillers are usually far _____ complex than the plots in horrors.
- A wide-screen TV is better _____ one with a small screen.
- Classical music isn't _____ popular as hip hop with teenagers.
- Do you think poems are _____ difficult to write than stories?
- This film is worse _____ the first one in the series.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

- The Hunger Games* series was more popular than *the Maze Runner* films.
The Maze Runner films weren't _____ as *The Hunger Games* series.
- In my opinion, no actor is funnier than Will Ferrell.
In my opinion, Will Ferrell is _____ of all.
- Reading an e-book isn't as enjoyable as reading a paper book.
Reading a paper book is _____ reading an e-book.
- Gaming computers used to be more expensive.
Gaming computers aren't as _____ used to be.
- She doesn't think any writer is as good as J.K. Rowling.
She thinks J.K. Rowling is _____ writer in the world.
- Ariana Grande isn't as old as Katy Perry.
Katy Perry is _____ Ariana Grande.

4 Complete the text with the adjectives in brackets in the comparative or superlative form.

The first *Maze Runner* film, based on a series of books by James Dashner, came out in 2014. It wasn't
¹ _____ (popular) as other teen series like *The Hunger Games*, but the producers decided to make more. There have been three films up to now, and for me
² _____ (interesting) of them is the second one, *The Scorch Trials*. The plot is ³ _____ (crazy) than I expected. There are so many different things happening that I sometimes thought it was a bit
⁴ _____ (complicated) than it needed to be. But the action scenes and the sets are so amazing that in the end I decided I enjoyed watching this movie. The last film, *The Death Cure*, is definitely
⁵ _____ (long) of the three, probably because it included so many details from the book. Still, there are good things in all three films, so give them a try!