

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.

1 swimming / good / exercise / walking

2 my brother / fast runner / at school

3 fruit / healthy / chocolate

4 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_____!

Permission: can and could

5 Choose the correct answers for each situation.

- You want to go camping with your friends next month. How do you ask your parents for permission?
 - Is camping OK?
 - Can I go camping with my friends?
 - We could go camping?
- Your friend wants to borrow your laptop. What do you say?
 - No, I can't.
 - No, I'm fine.
 - No, I'm afraid not.
- You want to leave your English lesson early. What do you say to your teacher?
 - Could I leave earlier today?
 - I suppose I can leave?
 - Of course I leave?