

# COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

## 1.- COMPARATIVE

### \* EQUALITY:

(NOT) **AS** + ADJECTIVE + **AS** = tan ... como

My sister is **as intelligent as** him.

He is **not as tall as** Gasol.

The weather in Mexico is **as hot as** in Spain.

The weather in England is **not as hot as** in Spain.

### \* INFERIORITY:

**LESS** + ADJECTIVE + **THAN** = menos ...que

He is **less tall than** Gasol.

The weather in England is **less hot than** in Spain.

This exam is **less difficult than** the last one.

### \* SUPERIORITY:

1) Short adjectives: **ADJECTIVE + er + THAN** = más ... que

2) Long adjectives: **MORE + ADJECTIVE + THAN** = más ... que

He is **taller than** Gasol.

The weather in Spain is **hotter than** in England.

This exam is **more difficult than** the last one.

My sister is **more intelligent than** him.

## 2.- SUPERLATIVE

1) Short adjectives: **THE + ADJECTIVE + est + (NOUN) + (IN / OF)** = el / la más ...

2) Long adjectives: **THE MOST + ADJECTIVE + (NOUN) + (IN / OF)** = el / la más ...

-The article "**THE**" normally appears before the superlative form.

-The superlative form can be followed by a complement introduced by:

**IN** → When we refer to a PLACE

**OF** → in the rest of cases.

Jack is **the tallest** in the class.

Laura is **the most energetic** girl of the group.

The Nile is **the longest** river in the world.

This is **the best** film I've ever seen.

This is **the most boring** film I've ever seen.

This is **the most difficult** exam I've done.

## Regras ortográficas á hora de engadir -er ou -est no comparativo ou no superlativo.

### 3.1.- ADJECTIVE + **-ER /-EST**

With adjectives of one syllable and adjectives of two syllables ending in -y /-er/ -ow.  
(pretty, friendly – clever – narrow)

| SPELLING                | ADJECTIVE | COMPARATIVE | SUPERLATIVE     |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
|                         | Long      | longer      | the longest     |
|                         | Small     | smaller     | the smallest    |
|                         | Fast      | faster      | the fastest     |
|                         | High      | higher      | the highest     |
| <b>DOUBLE CONSONANT</b> | Big       | bigger      | the biggest     |
|                         | Thin      | thinner     | the thinnest    |
|                         | Slim      | slimmer     | the slimmest    |
|                         | Fat       | fatter      | the fattest     |
| <b>Y → ier /iest</b>    | Easy      | easier      | the easiest     |
|                         | Busy      | busier      | the busiest     |
|                         | Pretty    | prettier    | the prettiest   |
|                         | Friendly  | friendlier  | the friendliest |
|                         | Lucky     | luckier     | the luckiest    |
|                         | healthy   | healthier   | the healthiest  |
|                         | Nice      | nicer       | the nicest      |
| <b>E → r /st</b>        | Large     | larger      | the largest     |
|                         | wide      | wider       | the widest      |

### 3.2.- **MORE / MOST** + ADJECTIVE

With adjectives of two or more syllables

| ADJECTIVE   | COMPARATIVE      | SUPERLATIVE          |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Interesting | more interesting | the most interesting |
| Boring      | more boring      | the most boring      |
| Intelligent | more intelligent | the most intelligent |
| Beautiful   | more beautiful   | the most beautiful   |
| Famous      | more famous      | the most famous      |
| Dangerous   | more dangerous   | the most dangerous   |

## 4.- IRREGULAR FORMS

| ADJECTIVE / *WORD   | COMPARATIVE      | SUPERLATIVE            |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Good                | better           | The best               |
| Bad                 | worse            | The worst              |
| Far                 | farther /further | The farthest /furthest |
| *well (adv)         | better           | The best               |
| *badly (adv)        | worse            | The worst              |
| *much/many/a lot of | more             | The most               |
| *little             | less             | The least              |
| *few                | fewer            | The fewest             |

I've got less money than she has.

There are fewer problems than there were before.

\* Note:: It's getting hotter and hotter.  
It's getting more and more dangerous.