



Comparatives & Superlatives:

Comparative vs Superlative: Choosing the Right Form

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- There are three shirts here. The blue one is ____.
a) the most cheap
b) the cheapest
c) cheaper
d) cheapest
- My coffee is ____ than yours.
a) the most hot
b) hottest
c) hotter
d) the hottest
- Of the four seasons, winter is ____.
a) coldest
b) the coldest
c) colder
d) more cold
- This painting is ____ than that one.
a) beautifuler
b) most beautiful
c) the most beautiful
d) more beautiful
- She is ____ student in the entire university.
a) more intelligent
b) intelligenter
c) most intelligent
d) the most intelligent
- Which is ____, tea or coffee?
a) more popular
b) the most popular
c) popularer
d) the popularest
- This is the ____ expensive car in the showroom.
a) very
b) more
c) much
d) most
- His results were ____ than expected.
a) the worst
b) worse
c) the most bad
d) worst
- Out of all my friends, Leo lives ____ from the school.
a) the most far
b) the furthest
c) further
d) furthest
- The exam was much ____ than I thought.
a) hardest
b) the hardest
c) the most hard
d) harder
- Of the two options, this one is ____.
a) the best
b) better
c) the most good
d) best

12. What is ___ mountain in the world?
a) the highest
b) higher
c) the most high
d) highest
13. My laptop is ___ than my tablet.
a) the most heavy
b) the heaviest
c) heavier
d) heaviest
14. This is ___ film we have seen this year.
a) funnier
b) funniest
c) the most funny
d) the funniest
15. Both answers are wrong, but yours is ___ to the correct answer.
a) the closest
b) the most close
c) closer
d) closest
16. Saturn is the ___ biggest planet in our solar system.
a) second
b) two
c) next
d) more
17. The traffic is ___ in the morning than in the afternoon.
a) worst
b) the worst
c) worse
d) the most bad
18. This restaurant serves ___ food in the whole neighbourhood.
a) good
b) the most good
c) the best
d) better
19. Between running and swimming, which is ___ for losing weight?
a) better
b) the most good
c) the best
d) best
20. That was ___ performance of the entire competition.
a) the worst
b) worse
c) worst
d) the most bad



Answers

1. b) the cheapest
2. c) hotter
3. b) the coldest
4. d) more beautiful
5. d) the most intelligent
6. a) more popular
7. d) most
8. b) worse
9. b) the furthest
10. d) harder
11. b) better
12. a) the highest
13. c) heavier
14. d) the funniest
15. c) closer
16. a) second
17. c) worse
18. c) the best
19. a) better
20. a) the worst



Explanations

1. “the cheapest” (b)

We are comparing three shirts, so we need the superlative 'the cheapest'. Use superlatives when comparing three or more things.

2. “hotter” (c)

We are comparing two cups of coffee ('than yours'), so we use the comparative 'hotter'. Use comparatives with 'than' for two things.

3. “the coldest” (b)

'Of the four seasons' tells us we're comparing four things, so we need the superlative 'the coldest'.

4. “more beautiful” (d)

We're comparing two paintings ('than that one'), so we use the comparative 'more beautiful'. 'Beautiful' uses 'more' for the comparative.

5. “the most intelligent” (d)

'In the entire university' means we're comparing all students (many), so we need the superlative 'the most intelligent'.

6. “more popular” (a)

We're comparing two drinks (tea or coffee), so we use the comparative 'more popular'. Superlatives are for three or more.

7. “most” (d)

'In the showroom' indicates a group of many cars, so we need the superlative. 'The most expensive' is the correct superlative for 'expensive'.

8. “worse” (b)

We're comparing actual results with expected results (two things), so we use the comparative 'worse'. Bad → worse → worst.

9. “the furthest” (b)

'Out of all my friends' means we're comparing many people, so we need the superlative 'the furthest'. Far → further → furthest.

10. “harder” (d)

We're comparing the actual difficulty with what I thought (two things), so we use the comparative 'harder'. 'Much' can modify comparatives.

11. “better” (b)

'Of the two options' — when comparing exactly two things, we use the comparative 'better', not the superlative 'the best'. Good → better → best.

12. “the highest” (a)

'In the world' means we're comparing all mountains, so we need the superlative 'the highest'.

13. “heavier” (c)

We're comparing two devices ('than my tablet'), so we need the comparative 'heavier'.

14. “the funniest” (d)

'This year' implies we've seen many films, so we need the superlative 'the funniest'. 'Funny' → funniest (y → i + est).

15. “closer” (c)

We're comparing two answers ('Both answers'), so we use the comparative 'closer'. Use comparatives for two things.

16. “second” (a)

We use ordinal numbers (second, third) before superlatives for rankings: the second biggest = ranked number two by size.

17. “worse” (c)

We're comparing two time periods (morning vs afternoon), so we use the comparative 'worse'. The word 'than' confirms this.

18. “the best” (c)

'In the whole neighbourhood' means we're comparing all restaurants (many), so we need the superlative 'the best'. Good → better → best.

19. “better” (a)

'Between running and swimming' — we're comparing two activities, so we use the comparative 'better'. Use comparatives when choosing between two.

20. “the worst” (a)

'Of the entire competition' tells us we're comparing many performances, so we need the superlative 'the worst'. Bad → worse → worst.