## **Unit Six / Comparative and Superlative Adjectives** **صيغ المقارنة والتفضيل**

## Adjectives have three degrees that compare one thing to another**.** The three degrees of adjectives are **positive**, **comparative** and **superlative**.

## **الصفات لها ثلاث درجات تقارن شيئًا بآخر. درجات الصفات الثلاث –الثابتة (البسيطه) ومقارنة وصيغة التفضيل.**

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| **superlative** | **comparative** | **positive** |
| the short**est** | short**er** than | short |
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| the earli**est** | earli**er** than | early |
| the heavi**est** | heavi**er** than | heavy |
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| the most difficult | more difficult than | difficult |
| the most serious | more serious than | serious |

## **The Positive Degree:** This degree is used to describe a noun, pronoun or verb without comparing it with a person or anything else by using an adjective or adverb.

## **تستخدم هذه الدرجه لوصف اسم او ضمير او فعل بدون مقارنتهُ مع شخص او اي شيء اخر بأستعمال الصفه أو الظرف.**

## **The Comparative Degree وهي الصيغة التي تستخدم للمقارنه بين شيئين او شخصين اثنين**

**لديهم نفس الصفة لكن بمقادير مختلفة ، نستخدم صيغ المقارنة**

**a. Comparative adjectives** are used to compare between two beings or objects**.** The structure of the sentence will be as follows**:**

**..….> Noun** (subject) **+** verb **+**  comparative adjective **+ than** **+** (object) مفعول به.

e.g. **My house** is larger **than** hers.

**1**- الصفات التي تتكون من مقطع واحد نضيف في نهايتها المقطع**-er**

strong…. strong**er** / cheap..........cheap**er** / long........long**er** / near …… near**er** **ملاحظة 1** / الصفات ذات المقطع الواحد والذي تنتهي ب حرف صحيح واحد يسبقه **حرف عله** **واحد فقط** نضاعف الحرف الصحيح ) الأخير) ثم نضيف -**er**  في نهايه الصفه.

**The five basic vowels –** (a / e / i / o / u)

**Examples:** thin …. thinner / big......bigger / fat.... fatter / sad......sadder / …….

**ملاحظة 2** / إذا انتهت الصفه بحرف (e) نضيف فقط **(-r )**

**Examples:** nice …... nice**r** / large …... large**r /** simple …... simple**r**

**ملاحظة 3 /** الصفات (ذات المقطع الواحد) التي تنتهي بحرف (**y**) يكون قبله حرف صحيح يقلب الى (**i**) ثم نضيف (-**er**) الى نهايتها :

**Examples:** angry …. angr**ier** / happy......happ**ier** / silly …. sill**ier** / easy …. eas**ier**

**2-** أما إذا كانت الصفة مكونة من أكثر من مقطع ، هنا نضيف كلمة **more** قبل الصفة **:**

**Examples:** beautiful …. **more beautiful** / intelligent …. **more** **intelligent** /

comfortable …. **more** **comfortable** / careful …… more careful

**Note /** The word ‘**than**’ is used with the comparative degree after the adjective:

**Irregular Adjectives**

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| **Superlative Degree** | **Comparative Degree** | **Adjectives** (positive degree) |
| the best | better than | good |
| best | better | well |
| worst | worse | bad |
| most | more | many (count nouns) |
| most | more | much (uncounted nouns) |
| least | less | little (number) |
| littlest | littler | little (size) |
| farthest (distance) | farther | far (distance) |
| furthest (distance or time) | further | far (distance or time) |

**Adjectives that do not have Comparative** and **Superlative Forms:**

blind / dead / fatal / final / left / right / unique / universal / vertical / wrong

**Superlative adjectives**

**b. Superlative adjectives** are used to describe an object شيء which is at the upper or lower limit of a quality (the tallest, the smallest, the fastest, the highest). They are used in sentences where a subject is compared to a group of objects (usually more than two).

Noun (subject) + verb + **the** + superlative adjective + noun (object).

e.g. Their house is the **largest** one in the neighborhood.

e.g. His is the **smalles**t box I've ever seen.

تُستخدم صيغه التفضيل للمقارنه بين ثلاث اشياء أوثلاث أشخاص فأكثر

**1** - الصفه التى تتكون من مقطع واحد نضيف في نهايتها (-est)

**Examples:** tall …. the **tall**est / cheap......the cheapest /

**ملاحظة** / إذا انتهت الصفه بحرف (e) نضيف فقط (. (-st

larg**e** …. the large**st** / …. **Examples:**

**2**- الصفات ( ذات المقطع الواحد ) التى تنتهى بحرف صحيح يسبقه حرف عله واحد، هنا تضاعف الحرف الاخير الصحيح ثم نضيف (est) ) الى نهايتها:

**Examples:** big.........the biggest / hot.......the hottest / fat....... the fattest

**3**- الصفات ( التي تتكون من مقطع واحد ) وتنتهي بحرف (Y) وقبله حرف صحيح ، يقلب ال **y** الى (**i**)ثم نضيف ال est في نهاية الصفة .

**Examples:** happy........the happiest **/** lovely …. the loveliest **/**

**4- أما الصفات المتكونه من مقطعين أواكثر فعند المقارنة نضع قبلها كلمه (the most)**

**Examples:** beautiful....... the most beautiful / intelligent … the most intelligent / ….

**Note /** The word ‘**the**’ is used in the superlative degree.

**Q. 1 /** Choose the correct answer.

1. The blue car is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than the red car.

a. more fast b. faster c. fast d. more faster e. most faster

2. This is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ shirt in the store.

a. expensivest b. most expensive c. most expensiver d. more expensiver e. expensive

3. Sami is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than Mazin.

a. most knowledgeable b. more knowledgeable c. more knowledgeabler d. knowledge

4. My sister is two years \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than me.

a. young b. the youngest c. so young d. younger

5. Do you know what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animal in the world is**?**

a. slower b. slow c. the slowest d. slow as

6. I think spring is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ season of the year.

a. most beautiful b. beautiful c. beauty d. more beautiful

7. Chemistry is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to me than biology**.**

a. the most important b. more important c. important d. import

8. Sami is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than Isaac.

a. funnier b. funniest c. the funniest d. funny

9. Today I had the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time touring the city.

a. good b. better c. best d. well

10. The Jupiter is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ planet in the Solar System.

a. large b. larger c. largest d. more large

**Q. 2 / True Or False**

1. Layla is the elder of the four sisters. (a). True (b). False

2. Layla is the eldest of the four sisters. (a). True (b). False

3. This house is more exciting than ever. (a). True (b). False

4. This house is excitinger than ever. (a). True (b). False