



People **generally** believe that the Egyptians began constructing the Pyramids thousands of years ago, as tombs for their pharaohs. **The most well-known** and the **largest** pyramids of Egypt are the Pyramids at Giza, which are **most probably larger** than any other pyramid ever built. The Great Pyramid at Giza, took about 23 years to complete, using a work force of around 30,000 people and it's indeed one of **the most amazing** sights in Egypt.

### Adjectives / Adverbs of manner

- Adjectives describe nouns.
- Adverbs of manner describe how something happens.

We form most adverbs of manner by adding *-ly* to the adjective.

*quiet* → *quietly*  
*careful* → *carefully*

Adjectives ending in a consonant + *-y*, drop the *-y* and take *-ily*.

*easy* → *easily*

Adjectives ending in *-le*, drop the *-e* and take *-ly*.

*terrible* → *terribly*

Irregular adverbs

*good* → *well*  
*fast* → *fast*  
*hard* → *hard*  
*late* → *late*  
*early* → *early*

### Comparative and Superlative Form

- We use the comparative form of adjectives and adverbs when we compare two people, animals or things.
- We use the superlative form of adjectives and adverbs when we compare one person, animal or thing with several of the same kind.

#### note

- **Adjectives / adverbs in the comparative form + than.**

*Tom is taller than Ben.*

*Mike runs faster than his brother.*

- **the + adjectives / adverbs in the superlative form + of / in.**

*Garry is the smartest student in my class.* *Tim swims the fastest of all his classmates.*

### Formation of the Comparative and Superlative Form of adjectives

- All one-syllable and most two-syllable adjectives take the ending **-er** in the comparative form and the ending **-est** in the superlative form.
- Adjectives with three or more syllables and some two-syllable adjectives form the comparative form with **more + adjective** and the superlative form with **the most + adjective**.

*smart* – *smarter* – *the smartest*  
*happy* – *happier* – *the happiest*

*expensive* – *more expensive* – *the most expensive*  
*modern* – *more modern* – *the most modern*

### Formation of the Comparative and Superlative Form of adverbs

- All one syllable adverbs and the word *early* take the ending **-er** in the comparative form and the ending **-est** in the superlative form.  
*fast – faster – fastest      early – earlier – earliest*
- Adverbs with two or more syllables form the comparative form with **more + adverb** and the superlative form with **most + adverb**.  
*beautifully – more the beautifully – most beautifully*

### Irregular Comparatives and Superlatives

POSITIVE FORM	COMPARATIVE FORM	SUPERLATIVE FORM
<i>good/well</i>	<i>better</i>	<i>the best</i>
<i>bad/badly</i>	<i>worse</i>	<i>the worst</i>
<i>little</i>	<i>less</i>	<i>the least</i>
<i>far</i>	<i>farther/further</i>	<i>the farthest/furthest</i>
<i>many/much</i>	<i>more</i>	<i>the most</i>

#### note

For emphasis we can use:

- very, pretty, most, rather, quite, fairly** in the positive degree.  
*My bedroom is quite big.*
- a bit, a lot, even, far, much, rather** in the comparative degree.  
*Betty is far more beautiful than her sister.*

#### note

- Some two-syllable adjectives form comparative and superlative forms in both ways.  
*clever - cleverer / more clever - the cleverest / the most clever*  
*common - commoner / more common - the commonest / the most common*  
*narrow - narrower / more narrow - the narrowest / the most narrow*  
*simple - simpler / more simple - the simplest / the most simple*

### Other forms of comparison

- as + adjective/adverb + as (to show similarity)  
*He's as tall as his brother.*
- not so/as + adjective/adverb + as (to show difference)  
*It isn't so/as far as we thought.*
- less/least (to show inferiority)  
*The book I read yesterday was less interesting than the one I read last month.*
- comparative + and + comparative (to indicate continual increase or decrease)  
*The car was going faster and faster.*

## Grammar Practice

### A Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- Fiona was \_\_\_\_\_ (interested) in their garden than their house.
- Mr Tennyson's yacht isn't so \_\_\_\_\_ (luxurious) as my uncle's.
- I'm pretty sure Betty is the \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) cook I know.
- Ryan studies as \_\_\_\_\_ (hard) as his sister lately.
- Jason survived the plane crash. He's the \_\_\_\_\_ (lucky) man in the world.
- Steve, your work is getting \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (good).
- It's certainly \_\_\_\_\_ (hot) today than it was yesterday.
- Staying in a hotel when you go on holiday is \_\_\_\_\_ (comfortable) than camping.



**B Circle the correct words.****Makeover on a budget**

I had had enough of the way I looked, so I decided it was time for a change. As I'm afraid of change, I took it one step at a time. I didn't want to end up looking (1) **bad** / **badly**. I had (2) **hard** / **hardly** any money, so I decided to ask for some (3) **friendly** / **in a friendly way** advice. My friend, Jim, who is a personal trainer, was (4) **gladly** / **glad** to help out and even offered to train me for free to help me lose some weight.

The next day I went shopping. I saw a (5) **beautiful** / **beautifully** shirt and a pair of jeans in a shopping centre, but they were (6) **quite** / **quiet** expensive, so I didn't buy them. A few days later I found exactly the same at half price at a shop (7) **nearly** / **near** my house. Needless to say, I bought them (8) **immediate** / **immediately**. So, when I went out at night to meet my friends, they all told me that I looked (9) **great** / **greatly**, and, best of all, it didn't cost me a fortune!

**C Choose the correct answer, a, b or c.**

- Barry Nails isn't \_\_\_\_\_ as Gerry Hill.
  - so famous
  - more famous
  - the most famous
- You should try to spend \_\_\_\_\_ money than you used to a few years ago.
  - little
  - least
  - less
- Adrian is \_\_\_\_\_ as his sister.
  - clever
  - as clever
  - cleverer
- Sandra lives \_\_\_\_\_ away from school of all her classmates.
  - the farthest
  - far
  - farther
- Nowadays the air is getting \_\_\_\_\_ polluted.
  - more and more
  - most
  - least
- It's raining heavily, so let's leave \_\_\_\_\_ as possible.
  - most quickly
  - as quickly
  - more quickly
- That was the \_\_\_\_\_ story I've ever read.
  - fascinating
  - less fascinating
  - most fascinating
- The *Secret Island* is the \_\_\_\_\_ book of all three you mentioned.
  - least popular
  - less popular than
  - more popular
- I'm sure that the ticket for Sydney is \_\_\_\_\_ for Canberra.
  - more expensive
  - the most expensive
  - more expensive than
- She told me that red and orange are the colours that suit me \_\_\_\_\_.
  - worse
  - best
  - good

**D Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.**

1. None of my colleagues are as funny as James.

James is \_\_\_\_\_ all my colleagues.

2. Adults aren't as energetic as children.

Children are \_\_\_\_\_ adults.

3. I have never read such an interesting book before.

It's \_\_\_\_\_ book I have ever read.

4. As you get older, you learn more.

The \_\_\_\_\_, the more you learn.

5. We don't think we've ever taken a harder test than this one.

This is \_\_\_\_\_ we've ever taken.

6. Both Martha and Kelly cook well.

Martha cooks \_\_\_\_\_ Kelly.

7. No other player in the team plays as badly as he does.

He is \_\_\_\_\_ player in the team.

8. The documentary we saw on Tuesday was more interesting than the one we saw on Monday.

The documentary we saw on Monday wasn't \_\_\_\_\_  
the one we saw on Tuesday.

9. Keith did better than me in the exams.

I didn't do \_\_\_\_\_ Keith in the exams.

## Vocabulary Practice

**A Complete the sentences using the correct 'keep' expression.**

<b>keep calm:</b>	not panic, not be anxious/nervous
<b>keep sb company:</b>	spend time with sb, go with sb
<b>keep fit:</b>	stay in good shape, keep your body healthy (getting exercise)
<b>keep a secret:</b>	not tell anyone sth that you know
<b>keep an eye out for:</b>	watch for, stay alert
<b>keep one's promise/word:</b>	do what you told sb that you would do

- Don't worry, Bob. I can \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ until your brother comes home.
- Well, Jimmy, \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm sure you will pass the exams.
- You know that you can trust Alex. When he promises something, he always \_\_\_\_\_.
- My doctor advised me to take up jogging so as to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please, don't tell Maggie about it. She cannot possibly \_\_\_\_\_.
- Wake up, Robin. We must \_\_\_\_\_ for signposts to the airport.



### B Complete the sentences using the words given below.

- **power:** ability to control somebody or something
- **strength:** ability to do things that need a lot of physical or mental effort
- **damage:** harm something
- **injure:** hurt somebody
- **suit:** be the right colour or style so as to make sb look more attractive
- **match:** (for colours, designs, etc.) be similar or look nice together

1. Fortunately, nobody was \_\_\_\_\_ in the accident.
2. Rose bought a pair of black shoes that \_\_\_\_\_ her new dress.
3. He had the \_\_\_\_\_ to tell his boss he made a mistake.
4. Adam's house was severely \_\_\_\_\_ after the earthquake.
5. I really love that colour, but I don't think it \_\_\_\_\_ me.
6. Joe did everything in his \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the deadline.

### C Complete the table below and then complete the sentences with the correct word.

	VERB	NOUN
1.	save	_____
2.	_____	admiration
3.	_____	imagination
4.	describe	_____
5.	increase	_____
6.	_____	impression

1. He gave us a very clear \_\_\_\_\_ of how the accident happened.
2. I got the \_\_\_\_\_ that she didn't enjoy the dinner.
3. Please, fasten your \_\_\_\_\_ belt, sir. The plane is taking off in a minute.
4. They stopped for a while to \_\_\_\_\_ the wonderful view.
5. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ what could happen if somebody found that document?
6. There has been a dramatic \_\_\_\_\_ in the use of the mobile phone worldwide.