

Grammar Reference with practice exercises

UNIT 9

9.1 Comparative and superlative adjectives ▶ Ex. 1–2

London is **bigger than** Paris.

Paris is **more romantic**.

It's **the most exciting** place!

This is **the best** restaurant in the world.

Form	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
One-syllable adjectives	old safe big hot	older safer bigger* hotter*	the oldest the safest the biggest* the hottest*
Adjectives ending in -y	noisy dirty	noisier dirtier	the noisiest the dirtiest
Two or more syllable adjectives	boring beautiful	more boring** more beautiful	the most boring** the most beautiful
Irregular adjectives	good bad far	better worse further	the best the worst the furthest

* Adjectives which end in one vowel and one consonant double the consonant.

fit → fitter thin → thinner

** Most two-syllable adjectives use *more and most*, but some two-syllable adjectives use *-er/-est*.

modern → **more** modern → **most** modern

polite → **more** polite → **most** polite

quiet → **quieter/quietest**

clever → **cleverer/cleverest**

1 We can make a comparison stronger using *much* and *a lot*.

London is **much more beautiful** than Paris.

Dave's **a lot more handsome** than Pete.

2 Adverbs also have comparatives.

He works **harder than** you.

Can you come **earlier than** 8.30?

9.2 *have got* and *have* ▶ Ex. 3

Have got means the same as *have* to talk about possession, but the form is very different. We often use *have got* in spoken English.

have got

She has got a garden.

I haven't got a garage.

Have you got any money? Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

have

I have a cat.

He doesn't have a car.

Does she have a sister? Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.

Past

The past of both *have* and *have got* is *had/didn't have*.

We **had** a lovely holiday.

I **didn't have** a happy childhood.

What did you **have** for lunch?

When I was young I **had** a bike.

I **didn't have** any money.

UNIT 9 EXERCISES

1 Write the comparative and superlative form.

1 easy easier → the easiest

2 boring _____ → _____

3 far _____ → _____

4 noisy _____ → _____

5 nice _____ → _____

6 bad _____ → _____

7 hot _____ → _____

8 quiet _____ → _____

2 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

1 My TV's bigger than yours.

My TV's more big than yours.

2 She's the prettiest girl I know.

She's the prettiest girl I know.

3 It's the worse film in the world.

It's the worst film in the world.

4 Tommy's the quietest student in the class.

Tommy's the most quiet student in the class.

5 Museums are boringer than parks.

Museums are more boring than parks.

3 Make sentences. Use *have got* (+, -, or ?).

1 (+) I / a brother

Have you got a brother?

2 (?) you / a pet

3 (-) they / a car

4 (?) we / any money

5 (-) he / a computer

6 (+) it / a cinema