11.9 Comparative and Superlative Adjectives: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

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Answer ALL questions.

Sports Day at Elm Park Primary

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Every July, Elm Park Primary held its sports day on the field behind the school hall. This year the sun was hotter than last year's, and the grass felt drier underfoot. Priya lined up for the sprint, certain that she was faster than her rival, Tom, although she still felt more nervous than she had expected. When the whistle blew, Tom shot ahead, and for a moment it looked as though he would finish in the fastest time of the day, but Priya did not give up and crossed the line just ahead of him after all. Later, in the long jump, Aisha's final attempt was longer than anyone else's, earning her the best score of the afternoon. The high jump proved trickier for everyone, and the bar kept rising until only two competitors remained; Ben cleared the highest height of the competition, well beyond his previous record. By the end of the day, the youngest pupils were the noisiest as they cheered for the relay, and Mr Patel declared that it had been an even better sports day than last year's, and quite possibly the most exciting the school had ever held.

1 Circle all three superlative adjectives in the sentence below.

Out of all the events, the long jump was the most popular, the relay was the noisiest and the sprint was the fastest event of the day.

(3)

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2 Tick whether the adjective in each sentence is in the positive, comparative or superlative form.

(a) Tom is fast. **(1)**

- ☐ A) positive
- ☐ B) comparative
- ☐ C) superlative

(b) Priya is faster than Tom. **(1)**

- ☐ A) positive
- ☐ B) comparative
- ☐ C) superlative

(c) Ben is the fastest runner in the class. **(1)**

- ☐ A) positive
- ☐ B) comparative
- ☐ C) superlative

(d) Aisha is happier today than yesterday. **(1)**

- ☐ A) positive
- ☐ B) comparative
- ☐ C) superlative

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3 Each sentence below contains a double comparative or double superlative error. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

(a) Ben's jump was more longer than Tom's. **(1)**

(b) This was the most fastest race of the day. **(1)**

(c) Aisha felt more happier after she won. **(1)**

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4 This sentence compares only two people, but a superlative has been used instead of a comparative. Find and correct the error.

Out of Priya and Tom, Priya was the fastest runner.

(2)

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5 Write two sentences of your own about a sports day.

(a) First sentence: use a comparative adjective correctly. **(1)**

(b) Second sentence: use a superlative adjective correctly. **(1)**

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Question 1

most popular circled	B1
noisiest circled	B1
fastest circled	B1

Answer: **the most popular, the noisiest, the fastest**

Question 2

(a) A ticked (positive) cao	B1

(a) Answer: **A) positive**

(b) B ticked (comparative) cao	B1

(b) Answer: **B) comparative**

(c) C ticked (superlative) cao	B1

(c) Answer: **C) superlative**

(d) B ticked (comparative) cao	B1

(d) Answer: **B) comparative**

Question 3

(a) Ben's jump was longer than Tom's. (more removed) cao	B1

(a) Answer: **Ben's jump was longer than Tom's.**

(b) This was the fastest race of the day. (most removed) cao	B1

(b) Answer: **This was the fastest race of the day.**

(c) Aisha felt happier after she won. (more removed) cao	B1

(c) Answer: **Aisha felt happier after she won.**

Question 4

identifies that only two people are being compared, so the superlative fastest is incorrect (oe)	B1
rewrites using the comparative form faster cao	B1

Answer: **Out of Priya and Tom, Priya was the faster runner.**

Question 5

(a) sentence makes sense and correctly uses a comparative adjective (oe)	B1

(a) Answer: **e.g. The third race was closer than the first two.**

(b) sentence makes sense and correctly uses a superlative adjective (oe)	B1

(b) Answer: **e.g. It was the closest finish of the whole day.**

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