11.9 Comparative and Superlative Adjectives: 30-minute Pack

about 30 minutes

Total Marks

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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 The sentences below are based on the sports day passage. Tick the comparative adjective in each sentence.

(a) This year the sun was hotter than last year's. **(1)**

- ☐ A) sun
- ☐ B) hotter
- ☐ C) last

(b) The grass felt drier underfoot. **(1)**

- ☐ A) grass
- ☐ B) felt
- ☐ C) drier

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(c) She was faster than her rival, Tom. **(1)**

- [ ] A) faster
- [ ] B) rival
- [ ] C) Tom

(d) The high jump proved trickier for everyone. **(1)**

- [ ] A) high
- [ ] B) jump
- [ ] C) trickier

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2 Each sentence below contains an incorrect irregular comparative or superlative. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

(a) Tom's start was the baddest of the race. **(1)**

(b) Priya's throw was gooder than her first attempt. **(1)**

(c) Kingswood is farer from the coast than Elm Park. **(1)**

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3 The paragraph below has three errors involving comparative and superlative adjectives. Find and correct the three errors.

Out of all the competitors, Ben was the most fast, and everyone agreed his jump was more better than last year's winning jump. Priya's race was the most closest finish of the whole afternoon.

(3)

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4 In the passage, the writer describes the sports day as 'quite possibly the most exciting ... the school had ever held.' Explain the effect of this superlative on the reader.

(2)

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5 Write a short paragraph (3 to 4 sentences) comparing two runners in a race. Use at least one comparative adjective, one superlative adjective and one irregular form (for example better, worse, further or best/worst) correctly.

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6 Complete each sentence with the correct comparative form of the adjective given in brackets.

(a) The second race was ___ than the first. (exciting) **(1)**

(b) Ben's jump was ___ than Aisha's. (long) **(1)**

(c) This year's sports day felt ___ than last year's. (busy) **(1)**

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7 Complete each sentence with the correct superlative form of the adjective given in brackets. Remember to add 'the'.

(a) Aisha's throw was ___ of the afternoon. (impressive) **(1)**

(b) Ben achieved ___ score in the high jump. (high) **(1)**

(c) That was ___ sports day the school has ever held. (good) **(1)**

8 Complete each sentence using 'as ... as' and the adjective given in brackets, to show that two things are equal.

(a) Priya's time was ___ Tom's time. (fast) **(1)**

(b) The second half of the race felt ___ the first half. (long) **(1)**

9 Underline the adjective in each sentence, then write whether it is comparative or superlative.

(a) The tallest tree in the wood was struck by lightning. **(1)**

(b) This puzzle is harder than the last one. **(1)**

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10 Complete the table below. These one-syllable adjectives simply take -er for the comparative and -est for the superlative.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
tall		
small		
clean		

(6)

11 Complete the table below. These one-syllable adjectives end in a single vowel followed by a single consonant, so the final consonant is doubled before adding -er or -est.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
big		
hot		

(4)

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12 Complete the table below. These two-syllable adjectives end in a consonant plus y, so the y changes to i before adding -er or -est.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
happy		
easy		

(4)

13 Circle the correct word in brackets to complete each sentence about the sports day.

(a) Priya's throw was (gooder / better) than her first attempt. **(1)**

(b) Of all the runners, Tom had the (worst / baddest) start. **(1)**

(c) Elm Park is (farer / further) from the coast than Kingswood is. **(1)**

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Question 1

(a) B ticked (hotter) cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **B) hotter**

(b) C ticked (drier) cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **C) drier**

(c) A ticked (faster) cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **A) faster**

(d) C ticked (trickier) cao — **B1**

(d) Answer: **C) trickier**

Question 2

(a) Tom's start was the worst of the race. cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **Tom's start was the worst of the race.**

(b) Priya's throw was better than her first attempt. cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **Priya's throw was better than her first attempt.**

(c) Kingswood is further from the coast than Elm Park. cao (farther also accepted) — **B1**

(c) Answer: **Kingswood is further from the coast than Elm Park.**

Question 3

the most fast corrected to the fastest cao — **B1**

more better corrected to better cao — **B1**

the most closest corrected to the closest cao — **B1**

Answer: **Out of all the competitors, Ben was the fastest, and everyone agreed his jump was better than last year's winning jump. Priya's race was the closest finish of the whole afternoon.**

Question 4

identifies that the superlative shows the sports day was better than every other sports day the school has held, not just better than one (oe) — **B1**

identifies an effect on the reader, e.g. builds excitement and leaves a strong, celebratory final impression of the day (oe) — **B1**

Answer: **It shows the sports day was better than every other one the school has held, leaving the reader with a strong, celebratory final impression.**

Question 5

uses at least one comparative adjective correctly and appropriately (oe) — **B1**

uses at least one superlative adjective correctly and appropriately (oe) — **B1**

uses at least one irregular comparative or superlative form correctly and appropriately (oe) — **B1**

Answer: **e.g. Maya was faster than Jess for the first lap, but Jess pushed on harder round the final bend. In the end, Jess crossed the line first and finished with the best time of the whole race, better than anyone had expected.**

Question 6

(a) more exciting cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **more exciting**

(b) longer cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **longer**

(c) busier cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **busier**

Question 7

(a) the most impressive cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **the most impressive**

(b) the highest cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **the highest**

(c) the best cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **the best**

Question 8

(a) as fast as cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **as fast as**

(b) as long as cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **as long as**

Question 9

(a) tallest underlined and superlative written cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **tallest - superlative**

(b) harder underlined and comparative written cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **harder - comparative**

Question 10

taller written in the comparative column cao — **B1**

tallest written in the superlative column cao — **B1**

smaller written in the comparative column cao — **B1**

smallest written in the superlative column cao — **B1**

cleaner written in the comparative column cao — **B1**

cleanest written in the superlative column cao — **B1**

Answer: **tall: taller, tallest; small: smaller, smallest; clean: cleaner, cleanest**

Question 11

bigger written in the comparative column cao — **B1**

biggest written in the superlative column cao — **B1**

hotter written in the comparative column cao — **B1**

hottest written in the superlative column cao — **B1**

Answer: **big: bigger, biggest; hot: hotter, hottest**

Question 12

happier written in the comparative column cao — **B1**

happiest written in the superlative column cao — **B1**

easier written in the comparative column cao — **B1**

easiest written in the superlative column cao — **B1**

Answer: **happy: happier, happiest; easy: easier, easiest**

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Question 13

(a) circles better cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **better**

(b) circles worst cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **worst**

(c) circles further cao (farther also accepted) **B1**

(c) Answer: **further**

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