

# Comparing with Adverbs

Adverbs can be used to compare two or more actions. The *positive form* of an adverb is used when no comparison is being made.

The sun will set **early**.

Ice formed **quickly** on my glass.

The comparative form is used to compare two actions. Form the comparative of most short adverbs by adding - **er** to the positive form.

Sunset comes **earlier** in the winter than in the summer.

With other adverbs, use **more** or **less**.

Weather changes **more quickly** in winter than in fall.

The superlative form is used to compare three or more actions. Form the superlative of most short adverbs by adding - **est** to the positive form.

Sunset comes **earliest** of all the winter solstice.

With other adverbs, use **most** or **least**.

Weather changes **most quickly** with an east wind.

The Adverbs **well** and **badly** have special forms of comparisons.

Adverb  
well  
badly

To compare Two  
better  
worse

More Than Two  
best  
worst



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# Comparing with Adverbs Exercises



Give the comparative form of the adverb in parenthesis ( ) that correctly completes the sentence.

1. The year, winter will arrive (soon) than usual.
2. People eat soup (hungrily) on cold days than on warm days.
3. Of all the winter months January is the one when Jack Frost paints the windows (beautifully)
4. The snow drifts (deep) of all the north side of the house.
5. In wet weather, cars skid (easily) than trucks.

Add a comparative or superlative adverb to complete the sentence. (Remember the rules)

11. I slept more \_\_\_\_\_ last night than the night before.
12. The dog waited .....
13. She sang \_\_\_\_\_ than the first girl.
14. The runner from Britain won the race \_\_\_\_\_.
15. German shepherds try \_\_\_\_\_ of all dogs to avoid fights.
16. Paula awoke \_\_\_\_\_ the first day of school.
17. He arrived at the beach \_\_\_\_\_ than Kim did.

Complete each sentence with the form of well or badly that makes sense.

6. She drives (well) than I do.
7. This car takes the curve (well) of all the cars I know of.
8. I drive (badly) on city streets than on highways.
9. I skied (badly) of all on Sunday than on Saturday.
10. I skate (badly) of all on mushy ice.



Write the comparative and superlative form of the adverbs below.

Adverb	Comparative	Superlative
1. sadly	1. ....	1. ....
2. badly	2. ....	2. ....
3. wide	3. ....	3. ....
4. early	4. ....	4. ....
5. hard	5. ....	5. ....
6. close	6. ....	6. ....
7. high	7. ....	7. ....
8. cheerfully	8. ....	8. ....
9. soon	9. ....	9. ....
10. long	10. ....	10. ....



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