

Common Expressions using Comparatives

Any longer / no bigger For negatives and questions	I've had enough! I'm <u>not</u> waiting <u>any longer</u> ! Let's stay here. It's <u>no more expensive</u> than the other place. You were ill yesterday. Do you feel <u>any better</u> today? Is this route <u>any quicker</u> ?
More and more / harder and harder For something that is changing continuously and increasingly	It's getting <u>harder and harder</u> to find work. It's <u>more and more difficult</u> to find good staff. My English is getting <u>better and better</u> .
The bigger the better Meaning <i>as big as possible</i>	-When does this film end? - <u>The sooner the better</u> ! - I've invited all my friends. - Great! <u>The more the merrier</u> ! Find the biggest box you can, <u>the bigger the better</u> .
Older or elder? The comparative of old is older We use elder (or older) to talk about members of a family Do not use elder to compare two things or people	<i>This building is older than it looks.</i> <i>My elder/older sister lives in Birmingham.</i> <i>My brother is older than me.</i>

Common Expressions using Superlatives

by far the most ... / -est	<i>This is <u>by far the best</u> pizza restaurant in town!</i> <i>The Beatles were <u>by far the most popular</u> band in the 1960's</i>
one of the most ... / -est	<i>It's <u>one of the highest</u> mountains in the Alps.</i> <i>Jenny is <u>one of the most generous</u> people I know.</i>
the second/third... most ... / -est	<i>Marseille is <u>the second largest</u> city in France</i> <i>The ancient city of Pompeii is <u>the third most visited</u> tourist site in Italy</i>
the least	<i>Trains are <u>the least expensive</u> way to travel in China.</i> <i>Let's find <u>the least challenging</u> route up the mountain</i>

Modifiers with Comparative and Superlatives: *probably, possibly, definitely, almost certainly*

This is **probably** the most difficult exam you will have to do this year.
 George is **possibly** one of the funniest people I know.
 Ronaldo is **definitely** one of the greatest football players in the world
 You are **almost certainly** the best student in the class!

Comparatives and Superlatives with the Present Perfect to describe experiences

This is **the most delicious** curry I have ever tasted!
 It's quite possibly **the most beautiful** view we have ever seen.
I've watched **more films** than anyone else in my family.
 That was **the worst hotel** I've ever had the misfortune to stay in.
I've visited **more museums** in Paris this week than I've ever visited anywhere else in my life.