

# **The Degrees of Comparison of Adjectives**

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
1. long fast nice hot	longer  nicer hotter	the longest  the nicest the hottest
2. happy pretty	happier	the happiest
3. beautiful  serious interesting	more/ less beautiful	the most/ least beautiful

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
4. simple  cruel	simpler/ <b>more</b> simple	<b>the simplest/</b> <b>the <b>most</b> simple</b>
<b>friendly, clever, common, gentle, polite, handsome,            narrow, pleasant, quiet</b>		
5. <b>good</b> <b>bad</b> <b>many/ much</b> <b>little</b> <b>far</b>  <b>old</b>	<b>better</b> <b>worse</b> <b>more</b> <b>less</b> <b>farther/ further</b>  <b>older/ elder</b>	<b>the best</b> <b>the worst</b> <b>the most</b> <b>the least</b> <b>the farthest/</b> <b>furthest</b> <b>the oldest/ eldest</b>

6. Не имеют степеней сравнения,  
т.к. выражают абсолютную степень качества.  
*woollen, golden, wooden, American, Russian,  
Italian, weekly, daily, middle, dead, pregnant,  
left, right, empty, perfect, square, round, medical,  
full, unique*

7. При сравнении двух человек или предметов  
одинакового качества употребляется  
**as ... as** (такой же ... как), в отрицательных  
структурах – **not so ... as** (не такой ... как)  
*He is as young as my brother.*  
*She is not so clever as he is.*  
*She is not so clever as him.*

**14.** What do British teenagers think of teenage magazines and newspapers? Fill in the gaps as appropriate.

**GRAMMAR HINT**

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*Just Seventeen* is **as** interesting **as** *The Young Telegraph*.

*Just Seventeen* is **more expensive** than *The Young Telegraph*.

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Magazines have more detailed (detailed) articles about people and places. Newspapers cover day-to-day issues.

- 1) *Sky* gives a \_\_\_\_\_ (clear) picture of youth culture.
- 2) *The Early Times* prints \_\_\_\_\_ (interesting) articles on local news.
- 3) *Sky* is \_\_\_\_\_ (colourful).
- 4) Typical readers of *The Early Times* are \_\_\_\_\_ (young).
- 5) Typical readers of *Sky* are \_\_\_\_\_ (trendy).
- 6) *The Early Times* is as \_\_\_\_\_ (popular) *Sky*.
- 7) *Sky* is as \_\_\_\_\_ (interesting) *The Early Times*.

## Answer key

1. clearer
2. more interesting
3. more colourful
4. younger
5. trendier
6. as popular as
7. as interesting as

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