

The Degrees of Comparison of Adjectives

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
1. long nice hot	longer nicer hotter	the longest the nicest the hottest
2. happy tender narrow (-y, -er, -ow)	happier	the happiest
3. beautiful serious active	more/ less beautiful	the most/ least beautiful

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4. simple cruel	simpl er / more simple	the simpl est / the most simple
friendly, clever, common, gentle, polite, handsome, narrow, pleasant, quiet		
5. good bad many/ much little far old	better worse more less farther/ further older/ elder	the best the worst the most the least the farthest/ furthest the oldest/ eldest

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.

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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

Test yourself

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