1 Comparatives

- **Comparative adjectives** usually go before *than*.

- **One-syllable**
  - high  higher
  - long  longer
  - short shorter

- **One-syllable CVC**
  - big  bigger
  - hot  hotter
  - thin thinner

- **One / two syllables ending in -y**
  - friendly friendlier
  - heavy heavier
  - pretty prettier

**Examples**
- Mike’s taller than his brother.
- Angus’s slimmer than Rory.
- Mike’s taller than his brother.

2 Superlatives

- **Superlatives** usually go before a noun.

- **One-syllable**
  - high the highest
  - long the longest
  - short the shortest

- **One-syllable CVC**
  - big the biggest
  - hot the hottest
  - thin the thinnest

- **One / two syllables ending in -y**
  - friendly the friendliest
  - heavy the heaviest
  - pretty the prettiest

**Examples**
- The Burj Khalifa is the tallest building in the world.
- The Lut Desert in Iran is the hottest place on Earth.
- When he won the lottery, he was the happiest man on Earth.

*Irregular adjectives*:
- good the best
- bad the worst
- far the farthest / the furthest

- **Adjectives with more than two syllables**
  - London is the most interesting city in the UK.
  - The opposite of *the most* = *the least*.
- She is the least interesting person in the room.

- **Adjectives ending in *-ing***
  - Adjectives ending *-ing* describe things or people.
  - Adjectives ending *-ed* usually describe feelings.

- **Adjectives with more than two syllables**
  - London is much more interesting than Nottingham.

- **Irregular adjectives**
  - good better
  - bad worse
  - far farther / further

- I think *The Avengers* is worse than *Spider-Man 4*.
1A Complete 1-5 with a comparative.

dangerous friendly large small tall

1 Between the ages of 13 and 18, boys usually grow _______ than girls.
2 It’s normal for one side of the body to be a bit _______ than the other.
3 A whale’s brain is about six times _______ than a human’s brain.
4 Driving at night is _______ than during the day.
5 Dogs are usually _______ than cats.

1B Complete 1-5 with a comparative.

1 Sam is _______ at maths than other subjects. (good)
2 Carrie is _______ than her classmates. (organised)
3 Their maths teacher is _______ than their science teacher. (funny)
4 Tomas thinks science is _______ than English. (interesting)
5 Marcus’s mind is _______ than his friend’s. (active)

2A Complete facts 1-5 with a superlative.

far friendly high long populated

1 Ojos del Salado, between Argentina and Chile, is _______ volcano on Earth.
2 Scientists believe Chimborazo in Ecuador is _______ place from the Earth’s centre.
3 The Andes Mountains in South America are _______ mountain range on the planet.
4 California is _______ state in the US.
5 The Abyssinian cat is _______ cat in the world.

2B In pairs, use the most or the least plus these adjectives to describe people A-D.

attentive bored interested talkative tired

2C Read the article and correct seven mistakes.

In 1931, the Empire State Building was first building with more than 100 storeys. But now it is among the short of the world’s skyscrapers. Today, at 829.84 m, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is tall building in the world. The second high is the Makkah Royal Clock Tower Hotel at 601 m. Burj Khalifa has got a nightclub on the 144th floor. To get to the nightclub, you take one of long rides in the lift, but the view is also one of spectacular in the world. Far you can see from Burj Khalifa is about 95 km.