

Grammar – Making Comparisons

Comparing Things in English

Here is some helpful language that you could use to compare things in English:

1. Comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs:

- short adjective __er than the __est
- long adjective more__ than the most __
- less __ than the least __

- irregular adjectives:
 - good / better than / the best
 - well / better than / the best
 - bad / worse than / the worst
 - far / further than / the furthest

2. Intensifiers before superlative adjectives:

- a lot }
- (so) much }
- somewhat } __ than
- a little (bit) }
- no }
- not any }

3. Comparing vocabulary:

- as __ as / not as __ as
- the same as / different from / to
- similar to
- compared to / with __, relative to __, in comparison with __
- contrasting: while / whereas / although / however / but (*conjunctions*), conversely / on the other hand / equally (*adverbs*)

4. Likes, dislikes, and preferences:

- like + to + infinitive / gerund more than __
- dislike + gerund more than __
- love + to + infinitive / gerund more than __
- hate + to + infinitive / gerund more than __
- prefer + to + infinitive / gerund to __
- I'd rather + infinitive than __

5. Comparing the past to now:

- used to + infinitive (*all verbs*)... } but now / these days...
- would + infinitive }
- (*if past time phrase is before would; not with state verbs*)