**Adjectives in Comparisons – Answer key**

**1. Make comparisons with the given symbols and adjectives.**

**Now you:**

How old are they?

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|  | **Verb** | **Adjective** | **people and their age** | | |
|  | to be | young | Mr. Goodwill - 30 | Mrs. Merrygold - 28 | the pub's owner[[1]](#footnote-1) - 30 |
| **1. ≠** | Mr. Goodwill is not as young as Mrs. Merrygold. | | | | |
| **2. =** | Mr. Goodwill is as young as the pub's owner. | | | | |

How to go on holiday

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|  | **Verb** | **Adjective** | **transport** | | |
|  | to cost | much |  |  |  |
| **1. ≠** | A holiday by car does not cost as much as a holiday by boat. | | | | |
| **2. =** | A holiday by boat costs as much as a holiday by plane. | | | | |

For a class test at school

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|  | **Verb** | **Adjective** | **items** | | |
|  | to be | helpful |  |  |  |
| **1. ≠** | Scissors are not as helpful as a pencil. | | | | |
| **2. =** | A pencil is as helpful as glasses. | | | | |

**2. Make comparisons with items in Mr. Goodwill's life.**

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| **Item 1** | **Item 2** | **Verb** | **Adjective** | **Comparison** |
|  |  | to be | small | A cat is (not) as small as a bird. |
|  |  | to be | comforting[[2]](#footnote-2) | A bed is (not) as comforting as a dog. |
|  |  | to feel | wet | A snow flake does not feel as wet as a rain drop. |
|  |  | to arrive | fast | A bike does not arrive as fast as a train. |
|  |  | to be | funny | A postcard is (not) as funny as a present. |

**Comparison of Adjectives – Answer key**

**1. Fill in the missing forms.**

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|  | **The positive** | **The comparative** | **The superlative** |
| 1 | big | bigger than | (the) biggest |
| 2 | pretty | prettier than | (the) prettiest |
| 3 | nice | nicer than | (the) nicest |
| 4 | beautiful | more beautiful than | (the) most beautiful |
| 5 | expensive | more expensive than | (the) most expensive |
| 6 | good | better than | (the) best |
| 7 | tall | taller than | (the) tallest |
| 8 | bad | worse than | (the) worst |
| 9 | much | more than | (the) most |
| 10 | early | earlier than | (the) earliest |
| 11 | funny | funnier than | (the) funniest |
| 12 | difficult | more difficult than | (the) most difficult |

**2. Make comparisons with the given information.**

**Now you:**

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| **Item 1** | **Item 2** | **Verb** | **Adjective** | **Comparative** |
|  Maggie, 2 |  Winston, 3 | to be | young | Maggie is younger than Winston. |
|  Winston  |  Maggie   | to eat | much | Winston eats more than Maggie. |
| Mr. Goodwill, 30 |  Winston, 3 | to be | old | Mr. Goodwill is older than Winston. |
|  Winston | Mr. Goodwill | to feel | old | But sometimes Winston feels older than Mr. Goodwill. |
| Maggie's toys | Mr. Goodwill's | to be | interesting | For Winston Maggie's toys are more interesting than Mr. Goodwill's books. |
|  Mr. Goodwill ♥♥ |  Mr. Goodwill ♥ | to like | good | Mr. Goodwill likes his bike better than his car. |
| Mr. Goodwill's | Mr. Goodwill's | to be | expensive | But Mr. Goodwill's car is more expensive than his bike. |
| summer  | winter  | to be | hot | Winston likes the fact that summer is hotter than winter. |
|  Mr. Goodwill |  Mr. Goodwill | to be | fantastic | Mr. Goodwill thinks houses are more fantastic than skyscrapers. |

**3. Fill in SUPERLATIVES with the given information. Use the adjectives in brackets.**

**Now you:**

* Whereas London is the largest city in Great Britain with about 9 million people, St David's in Wales is the smallest with only 1,600 people who live there. (large; small)
* If you are interested in sport, Great Britain has a lot to offer. The country has created some of the most popular international sports such as football, rugby, tennis, cricket and golf. Moreover, British sports can easily show some records. Polo, for example is the fastest ball sport in the world and in lacrosse the best balls can move with 190 kilometres per hour. And what are the three most fashionable sports in Britain? Right! Place one is football, place two rugby and place three cricket. And for those who prefer to sit and watch sports, there are always the most expensive cars to watch in races...

(popular; fast; good; fashionable[[3]](#footnote-3); expensive)

* Now to music...Great Britain's second most favourite band is Queen with Freddy Mercury – one of the singers who were most energetic.

(favourite; energetic)

* What about some ideas about animals? Great Britain is proud of its zoos. Bristol Zoo, for example, is the oldest zoo in the world, as it opened as early as in 1835 – so it is more than 180 years old! Chester Zoo is one of the newest zoos in Great Britain. But still – most recent counts show that the zoo has more than 35,000 animals from more than 500 of the rarest species[[4]](#footnote-4) in the world. This is the highest number since the zoo's opening in 1931.

(old; new; recent[[5]](#footnote-5); rare; high)

* The most fascinating topic in Great Britain, however, is the weather: the average[[6]](#footnote-6) British person talks at least ten minutes a day about it! Rumour has it[[7]](#footnote-7) that most Britons even talk an hour a day about the weather.

(fascinating; many)

Well, that was most interesting and well done, Mr. Goodwill – congratulations!

**4. Fill in the COMPARATIVES and SUPERLATIVES about Winston.**

**Use the adjectives in brackets.**

**Now you:**

* Of course, Winston is a special dog. But did you know that Winston is also funnier than most dogs because he is more active than other dogs? Wherever he is, he makes people laugh and feel good. Wait till you get to know him more! (Comp: funny; Comp: active)
* In general[[8]](#footnote-8), Winston is in a good mood. But when he is with Mr. Goodwill, he is even happier. And just wait until you see him outside – then he is the happiest dog on earth! (Comp: happy; Super: happy)
* Mr. Goodwill is Winston's best friend. For him, he is a better friend than any other person. (Super: good; Comp: good)
* Winston likes his dog food very much, but he enjoys dog biscuits even more, And what does he like most? The basket full of sausages for his birthday of course! (Comp: much; Super: much)
* For most dogs a cat is more exciting than a mouse. But for Winston a mouse is as exciting as a cat – he likes all animals he can chase. (Comp: exciting)
* Mr. Goodwill has a lot of free-time activities. He thinks that everything outside is more wonderful than anything inside. And everything he does with Winston is the most wonderful time ever! (Comp: wonderful; Super: wonderful)

1. an owner: der Besitzer, die Besitzerin [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. comforting: trostbringend, beruhigend [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. fashionable: angesagt [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. species: (Tier-) Arten [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. recent: neueste/r/s [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. the average British person: der/ die durchschnittliche Brite/ Britin [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. rumour has it: es wird gemunkelt/ Gerüchten zufolge [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. In general: im Allgemeinen [↑](#footnote-ref-8)