

COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE EXERCISES 3

Directions: Complete each sentence with the comparative + the correct adjective or adverb. If it is an adjective, circle ADJ. If it is an adverb, circle ADV.

1. *slow* I like to drive fast, but my brother Bill doesn't. As a rule, he drives
slowly _____ than I do. ADJ ADV

2. *slow* Andres is a _____ driver than I am.
slowly ADJ ADV

3. *serious* Some workers are _____ about their jobs than
seriously others. ADJ ADV

4. *serious* Some workers approach their jobs _____ than others.
seriously ADJ ADV

5. *polite* Why is it that my kids behave _____ at other people's
politely houses than at home? ADJ ADV

6. *polite* Why are they _____ at Mrs. Carranza's house than
politely home? ADJ ADV

7. *careful* I'm a cautious person when I express my opinions, but my brother will say
carefully anything to anyone. I'm much _____ when I speak to
others than my sister is. ADJ ADV

8. *careful* I always speak _____ in public than my brother does.
carefully ADJ ADV

9. *clear* I can't understand Mitch's mother very well when she talks, but I can
clearly understand Mitch. He speaks much _____ than his
mother. ADJ ADV

10. *clear* Mitch is a much _____ speaker than his mother.
clearly ADJ ADV

Directions: Complete the comparisons with a pronoun and an appropriate auxiliary verb.

1. Bill arrived at nine. I arrived at ten.

→He arrived earlier than _____.

2. Marcia is a good painter. Steve is better.

→He is a better painter than _____.

3. Teddy knows a lot of people. I don't know many people at all.

→He knows a lot more people than _____.

4. I won the race. Joan came in second.

→I ran faster than _____.

5. My parents were anxious about my motorcycle ride. I was just a little anxious.

→They were a lot more anxious than _____.

6. My uncle will stay with us for ten days. My aunt has to return to her job after a few days. →He will be here with us a lot longer than _____.

7. Ms. Reid speaks clearly. Mr. Ness mumbles.

→She speaks a lot more clearly than _____.

8. I've been here for three years. Elise has been here for two months.

→I've been here a lot longer than _____.

9. I had a good time at the party yesterday. Marie didn't enjoy it.

→I had a lot more fun at the party than _____.

10. I can reach the top shelf of the cabinet. Tina can only reach the shelf next to the top.

→I can reach higher than _____.

Directions: Complete the comparisons with both formal and informal pronouns: subject pronoun + verb OR object pronoun.

1. I have a brother. His name is Chris. He's really tall. I'm just medium height.

→He's taller than _____.

2. My brother is thirty-eight years old. I am forty years old.

→I'm older than _____.

3. My sister is really beautiful. I've never thought I was beautiful.

→She's a lot more beautiful than _____.

4. I'm pretty smart, though. My sister isn't interested in school.

→I'm smarter than _____.

5. My dad tells me that I shouldn't compare myself to my sister. He says we are both individuals in our own right and have many fine qualities. My dad is wise. I don't think I'm wise yet. →My dad is much wiser than _____.

6. My cousin Leslie was born two days after I was.

→She is two days younger than _____.