

Comparatives

1 Complete the chart with the comparative forms.

Adjective	Comparative form
cold	_____
big	_____
difficult	_____
bad	_____
dry	_____
early	_____
good	_____
high	_____
hot	_____
long	_____
popular	_____
rain	_____
sunny	_____
wet	_____

Remember

- Short adjectives + *er*: *cold – colder*
- Short adjectives ending in one consonant double the last letter + *-er*: *big – bigger*
- Long adjectives (more than two syllables): *more* + adjective: *more expensive*
- Be careful of irregular adjectives e.g. *good, bad*

2 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

- 1 The Arctic is _____ (hot) now than 100 years ago.
- 2 It's usually _____ (foggy) in the winter than in the summer.
- 3 Places that are sunny are _____ (popular) than places where it rains a lot.
- 4 I think the weather is _____ (bad) than ten years ago.
- 5 India is _____ (sunny) than Canada, but it is also _____ (wet)!
- 6 The ocean is getting _____ (high).
- 7 The winter is _____ (short) now than 25 years ago.

3 Circle the correct word.

- 1 It's *hoter* / *hotter* in July than in September.
- 2 The weather is *badder* / *worse* in New York than in Mexico City.
- 3 I think it's *more beautiful* / *beautifuler* when it rains.
- 4 Is it *drier* / *more dry* now in the summer?
- 5 I think the summer is getting *shorter* / *more short*.
- 6 It's always raining, so it's *weter* / *wetter* than before.

4 Circle the word that doesn't belong.

cold difficult short

- 1 hot big bad
- 2 dry long new
- 3 popular sunny famous
- 4 easy early expensive
- 5 good cold late
- 6 big wet old