

Two or Many?

Sort comparing words by what they compare.

2.L.GC.1.28 "Grammar: Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs. (Introduce)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

COMPARING TWO

Use a comparing word for two things. It often ends in -er or uses more.

A turtle is slower than a fox.

COMPARING MANY

Use a comparing word for three or more things. It often ends in -est or uses most.

Sam jumped the highest in the contest.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each sentence, circle TWO or MANY, then choose two items and explain how you knew.

1. This bridge is longer than that bridge.

TWO

MANY

2. Of the four stones, Nora found the smoothest one.

TWO

MANY

3. Of the runners, Kai moved the quickest.

TWO

MANY

4. Jordan speaks more softly than Ben.

TWO

MANY

5. A peach is sweeter than a lemon.

TWO

MANY

6. Of the three trains, the blue train arrived earliest.

TWO

MANY

7. This puzzle is easier than the last puzzle.

TWO

MANY

8. The baby laughed louder than her brother.

TWO

MANY

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new sentence for TWO and one new sentence for MANY.

TWO _____

MANY _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that compares three or more things using a word ending in -est or the word most.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	This bridge is longer than that bridge.	TWO	Longer compares two bridges.
2	Of the four stones, Nora found the smoothest one.	MANY	Smoothest compares four stones.
3	Of the runners, Kai moved the quickest.	MANY	Quickest compares a group of runners.
4	Jordan speaks more softly than Ben.	TWO	More softly compares Jordan and Ben.
5	A peach is sweeter than a lemon.	TWO	Sweeter compares a peach and a lemon.
6	Of the three trains, the blue train arrived earliest.	MANY	Earliest compares three trains.
7	This puzzle is easier than the last puzzle.	TWO	Easier compares two puzzles.
8	The baby laughed louder than her brother.	TWO	Louder compares the baby and her brother.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **TWO**: An owl is quieter than a crow.
- **MANY**: Leo built the strongest tower in the class.

Challenge: The purple balloon floated the farthest of the four balloons.

TWO: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8. **MANY:** 2, 3, 6; for Part 2, students should cite either two things with than or a group of three or more with a superlative word.