Two or Many?

Sort comparing words by what they compare.

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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.

ANSWER KEY

Two or Many?

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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.

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