

Comparison Detectives

Find words that compare two or show the most.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

COMPARE TWO

Use a comparative word to compare two people, places, things, or actions. Comparative words often end in -er or use more.

The fox moved quicker than the deer.

SHOW THE MOST

Use a superlative word to show which one stands out in a group of three or more. Superlative words often end in -est or use most.

Of all the paintings, Ava painted most carefully.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle COMPARE or MOST for each sentence, then pick two items and explain how you knew.

1. Mia's kite flew higher than Ben's kite.

COMPARE

MOST

2. Of two trails, the river trail is steeper.

COMPARE

MOST

3. Of the four runners, Luis ran the fastest.

COMPARE

MOST

4. This soup tastes spicier than that soup.

COMPARE

MOST

5. In the choir, Nia sang the most softly.

COMPARE

MOST

6. Among six tables, our table worked the hardest during cleanup.

COMPARE

MOST

7. The puppy is friendlier than the kitten.

COMPARE

MOST

8. Of the two drums, this one sounds louder.

COMPARE

MOST

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 COMPARE and one new sentence for MOST.

COMPARE _____

MOST _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence about three or more things that uses a superlative adverb.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Mia's kite flew higher than Ben's kite.	COMPARE	Higher compares the way two kites flew.
2	Of two trails, the river trail is steeper.	COMPARE	Steeper compares two trails.
3	Of the four runners, Luis ran the fastest.	MOST	Fastest shows how Luis ran compared with a group of four.
4	This soup tastes spicier than that soup.	COMPARE	Spicier compares two soups.
5	In the choir, Nia sang the most softly.	MOST	Most softly shows how Nia sang compared with the choir group.
6	Among six tables, our table worked the hardest during cleanup.	MOST	Hardest shows which table worked most in a group of six.
7	The puppy is friendlier than the kitten.	COMPARE	Friendlier compares two animals.
8	Of the two drums, this one sounds louder.	COMPARE	Louder compares two drums.

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)

- **COMPARE:** The cabin is quieter than the tent.
- **MOST:** Of the five boats, the red boat sailed the farthest.

Challenge: Of the three dancers, Kim moved the most gracefully.

Sort answers: 1 COMPARE, 2 COMPARE, 3 MOST, 4 COMPARE, 5 MOST, 6 MOST, 7 COMPARE, 8 COMPARE. For Part 2, students should name the comparison word and explain whether it compares two or shows the most in a group.