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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.

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