Two or Most?

Sort adjectives by what they compare.

4.5.R.2 "Students will recognize parts of speech in sentences: • irregular possessive nouns (e.g., children's) • irregular and past participle verbs and verb tense to identify settings, times..."

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COMPARATIVE

A comparative adjective compares two people, places, or things. It often ends in -er or uses more.

A velvet scarf is softer than a wool hat.

SUPERLATIVE

A superlative adjective picks out one from a group of three or more. It often ends in -est or uses most.

The striped shell is the shiniest in my collection.

1 SORT

8 items

For SORT, circle the category for each underlined adjective; for PROVE IT, choose one item from each category and explain how you knew.

1. This trail is steeper than the path by the lake. TWO MOST
2. Of the four kites, the red kite is the highest. TWO MOST
3. Among the five puppies, Pip is the smallest. TWO MOST
4. The blue bucket is heavier than the green bucket. TWO MOST
5. The second puzzle is easier than the first puzzle. TWO MOST
6. Of the three towers, the brick tower is the tallest. TWO MOST
7. This soup is hotter than yesterday's soup. TWO MOST
8. The flashlight is brighter than the lamp. TWO MOST

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

For MAKE YOUR OWN, write one sentence with a comparative adjective and one sentence with a superlative adjective; underline each adjective.

TWO

MOST

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using both kinds of adjectives to compare three drawings; underline the comparative adjective and put parentheses around the superlative adjective.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	This trail is steeper than the path by the lake.	**TWO**	Steeper compares two routes, the trail and the path.
2	Of the four kites, the red kite is the highest.	**MOST**	Highest picks out one kite from a group of four.
3	Among the five puppies, Pip is the smallest.	**MOST**	Smallest picks out one puppy from a group of five.
4	The blue bucket is heavier than the green bucket.	**TWO**	Heavier compares two buckets.
5	The second puzzle is easier than the first puzzle.	**TWO**	Easier compares two puzzles.
6	Of the three towers, the brick tower is the tallest.	**MOST**	Tallest picks out one tower from a group of three.
7	This soup is hotter than yesterday's soup.	**TWO**	Hotter compares two servings of soup.
8	The flashlight is brighter than the lamp.	**TWO**	Brighter compares two sources of light.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one item from each category and explain how you knew.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **TWO**: My backpack is lighter than my brother's backpack.
- **MOST**: Of our three bikes, my bike is the newest.

Challenge: My second drawing is neater than my first, but my third drawing is the (neatest) of the three.

For PROVE IT, accept two explanations that name what is being compared, one for each category. For MAKE YOUR OWN, check that each underlined adjective matches its comparison.