Route Choice Challenge

Spot adjectives and compare their forms in a model draft.

5.11.D.iv "adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each adjective in the passage. Circle comparative adjectives and draw a box around superlative adjectives to see how writers describe and compare.

Choosing a Fair Route

1. On Saturday, Maya helped plan a bike route for the town's spring fair. Her first map showed a short path beside the river and a longer path through Maple Park. The river path was flat, but its wooden bridge was narrow. The park path had shady trees, wide sidewalks, and a small fountain where riders could stop for water.

2. Maya and her neighbor compared the routes during a practice ride. The park path was safer than the river path because it had fewer street crossings. It was also quieter in the morning, although the river path was more direct from Maya's house. At the fountain, Maya chose the coolest water bottle from her bag and wrote notes in her blue notebook.

3. Before the fair, the planning group chose the park route. It was the safest choice for young riders, and its wide sidewalks made passing easier. The river route remained a good option for experienced cyclists who wanted a shorter trip. Maya placed a bright sign at each turn. She hoped clear directions would make the busy fair feel more welcoming for every rider.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, what adjective describes the trees on the park path?

2. In paragraph 2, which comparative adjective describes the park path's safety?

3. In paragraph 2, what comparative adjective describes the river path from Maya's house?

4. In paragraph 3, which superlative adjective describes the park route for young riders?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about choosing between two places, such as two parks, rooms, or trails. Use one regular adjective, one comparative adjective, and one superlative adjective. Then check the adjective forms in your draft. Keep correct forms or correct them as needed; explain one decision using what is described or how many things are compared. Write your checking note after the draft.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · TEKS 5.11.D.iv

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each adjective in the passage. Circle comparative adjectives and draw a box around superlative adjectives to see how writers describe and compare. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, what adjective describes the trees on the park path?	**shady**
2	In paragraph 2, which comparative adjective describes the park path's safety?	**safer**
3	In paragraph 2, what comparative adjective describes the river path from Maya's house?	**more direct**
4	In paragraph 3, which superlative adjective describes the park route for young riders?	**safest**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our quiet library has a sunny reading corner. It is calmer than the cafeteria after lunch. The softest chair sits near the window.

Draft check: Keep calmer because it compares the library and cafeteria. Keep softest because it compares the chair with the other chairs; quiet and sunny correctly describe the library and corner.

Accept any accurate adjectives from the passage for the marking task, including comparative and superlative forms. For Part 3, accept three related sentences that include a regular adjective, a comparative form, and a superlative form used correctly. Assess the actual draft check separately from the original sentence-count requirement. Accept a supported keep decision or a needed correction, with a reason tied to the convention; do not require an error or full rewrite. Provide support after the learner attempts the check.