Comparison Clues

Sort adjectives by what they compare.

4.LU.1.C "Use adjectives to compare and describe noun or noun phrases with specificity when speaking and writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

COMPARE TWO THINGS

Use an -er adjective or more with than to compare two things.

The lantern is dimmer than the bonfire.

COMPARE THREE OR MORE

Use an -est adjective or most to show one thing stands out in a group of three or more.

The ripest peach was chosen from six peaches.

1 SORT

8 items

For each item, circle TWO or MANY, then choose two items and write how each adjective tells you what is being compared.

1. The river is wider than the stream. TWO MANY

2. This puzzle is more difficult than that game. TWO MANY

3. Lena found the oldest coin among five coins. TWO MANY

4. Our blue whale model is larger than the shark model. TWO MANY

5. The red kite is the highest of all the kites. TWO MANY

6. Omar read the most exciting of six chapters. TWO MANY

7. The cedar tree is taller than the pine tree. TWO MANY

8. Of the four paths, this one is the steepest. 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** _____

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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 uses a TWO comparison and a MANY comparison. Underline both comparing adjectives.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The river is wider than the stream.	**TWO**	Wider than compares the river with one stream.
2	This puzzle is more difficult than that game.	**TWO**	More difficult than compares the puzzle with one game.
3	Lena found the oldest coin among five coins.	**MANY**	Oldest compares one coin with a group of five coins.
4	Our blue whale model is larger than the shark model.	**TWO**	Larger than compares two models.
5	The red kite is the highest of all the kites.	**MANY**	Highest describes the red kite and compares it with the group of kites.
6	Omar read the most exciting of six chapters.	**MANY**	Most exciting compares one chapter with six chapters.
7	The cedar tree is taller than the pine tree.	**TWO**	Taller than compares two trees.
8	Of the four paths, this one is the steepest.	**MANY**	Steepest compares one path with four paths.

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**: The drum is louder than the flute.
- **MANY**: The giraffe is the tallest of the animals at the zoo.

Challenge: The copper pot is heavier than the silver pot, but the cast-iron pot is the heaviest of the three.

Sort answers are 1 TWO, 2 TWO, 3 MANY, 4 TWO, 5 MANY, 6 MANY, 7 TWO, 8 MANY. For Part 2, accept explanations that point to -er or more with than for TWO, and -est or most with a group for MANY.