Comparison Detectives

Sort comparisons, explain your choices, and write your own.

3.L.1.g "Form and use adverbs and adjectives (comparative and superlative)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

COMPARATIVE: TWO THINGS

Use a comparative adjective or adverb to compare two things. It often ends in -er or uses more.

Mia's scarf is softer than Leo's scarf.

SUPERLATIVE: THREE OR MORE

Use a superlative adjective or adverb to pick one from a group of three or more. It often ends in -est or uses most.

Of the seven drums, the silver drum sounds loudest.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle TWO or GROUP for each item, then pick two numbered items and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1. 1. Of the six jars, this one is heaviest. TWO GROUP

2. 2. Ben runs faster than Sam. TWO GROUP

3. 3. This path is narrower than that path. TWO GROUP

4. 4. Of the three singers, Ana sings most clearly. TWO GROUP

5. 5. My pencil is shorter than your pencil. TWO GROUP

6. 6. The green frog jumps farther than the brown frog. TWO GROUP

7. 7. The oak tree is taller than the pine tree. TWO GROUP

8. 8. Of the five puppies, Pip sleeps most quietly. TWO GROUP

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 that compares TWO things and one that picks an item from a GROUP of three or more.

TWO _____

GROUP _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about height: compare two things using -er, then compare those two and a third thing using -est.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. Of the six jars, this one is heaviest.	**GROUP**	Heaviest picks one jar from six.
2	2. Ben runs faster than Sam.	**TWO**	Faster compares Ben and Sam.
3	3. This path is narrower than that path.	**TWO**	Narrower compares two paths.
4	4. Of the three singers, Ana sings most clearly.	**GROUP**	Most clearly picks Ana from three singers.
5	5. My pencil is shorter than your pencil.	**TWO**	Shorter compares two pencils.
6	6. The green frog jumps farther than the brown frog.	**TWO**	Farther compares two frogs' jumps.
7	7. The oak tree is taller than the pine tree.	**TWO**	Taller compares two trees.
8	8. Of the five puppies, Pip sleeps most quietly.	**GROUP**	Most quietly picks Pip from five puppies.

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**: A bus is longer than a car.
- **GROUP**: Of the three lamps, this one shines brightest.

Challenge: The blue cup is taller than the red cup. Of the blue, red, and yellow cups, the blue cup is tallest.

For Part 2, a student might explain that item 2 compares two runners, while item 4 picks one singer from three. Accept other explanations that name the number being compared and identify the comparison word.