

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.

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| 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 flew 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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

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.

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 flew highest of all the kites.	MANY	Highest compares one kite with all the 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.