

BASIC GRAMMAR

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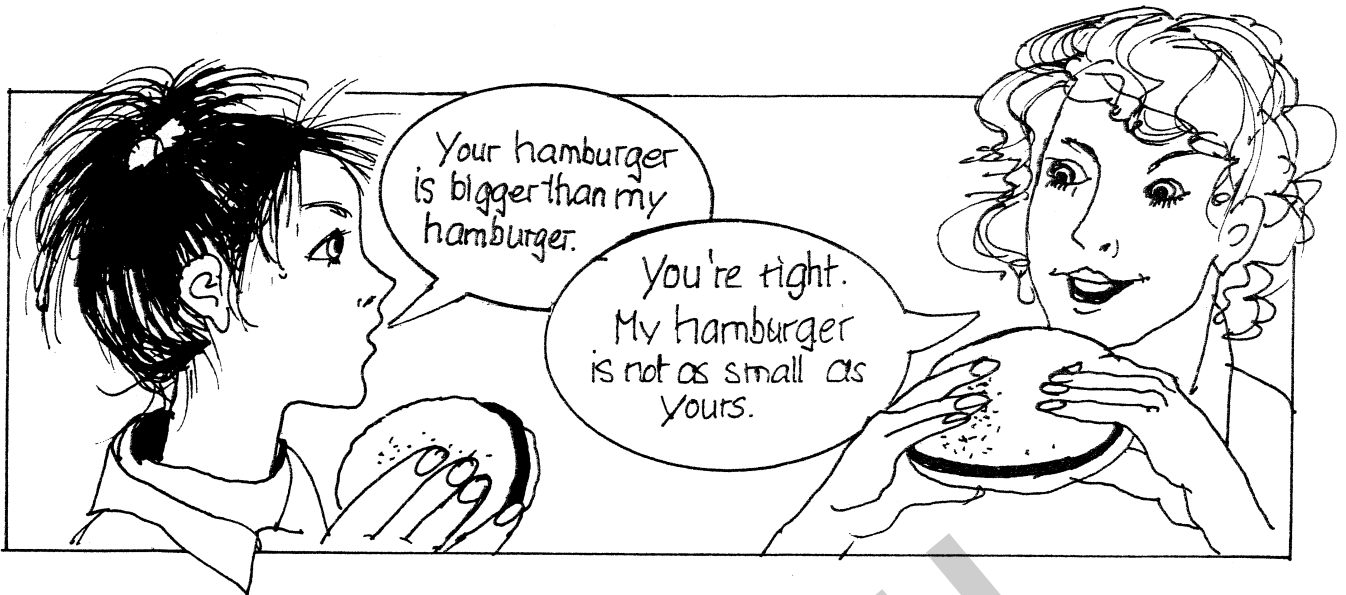
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53. COMPARISONS I



Im Englischen gibt es zwei Arten der Steigerung:

A. Germanic Comparison (Germanische Steigerung)

Positive: Mike's hamburger is *big*.
Comparative: Tom's hamburger is *bigger than* Mike's.
Superlative: Alan's hamburger is *the biggest*.

My hamburger is *as big as* Mike's.
Tom's hamburger is *not as big as* Alan's.

Diese Steigerungsform entspricht dem Deutschen und bereitet wenig Probleme:

old, older, oldest
slow, slower, slowest
fast, faster, fastest

Beachte bei der Schreibung aber folgende Regeln:

a) Endkonsonanten werden verdoppelt:

z.B.: big, bigger, biggest
thin, thinner, thinnest

b) Ein stummes -e am Ende fällt bei den Steigerungsformen weg:

z.B.: large, larger, largest
nice, nicer, nicest

c) Ein -y am Ende wird bei den Steigerungsformen zu -i:

z.B.: happy, happier, happiest
dirty, dirtier, dirtiest



55. EXERCISES

A. Fill in the correct superlative form of the adjectives:

1. Mr Black is the _____ (rich) man in our street.
2. He drives the _____ (expensive) car in our neighbourhood.
3. The Blacks have the _____ (large) garden in the area.
4. They have the _____ (beautiful) swimming-pool in town.
5. But their children are the _____ (ugly) and the _____ (awful) children that I know.

B. Fill in the correct comparative form of the adjectives:

1. Mrs Brown's dresses are _____ (attractive) than Mrs Black's dresses.
2. Mrs Black is _____ (pretty) than Mrs Brown.
3. Mrs Brown's daughter is _____ (intelligent) than Mrs Black's daughter.
4. Mrs Brown is _____ (tall) than Mrs Black.
5. Mrs Brown's car is _____ (tidy) than Mrs Black's car.

C. Complete the sentences using the adjectives in brackets:

1. Timmy is not _____ (clever) _____ his sister.
2. Sandra is _____ (attractive) than her friends.
3. John Dreamer is the _____ (good) painter that I know.
4. Our house is not _____ (large) _____ Mr Black's house.
5. But our car is _____ (big) than his car.
6. Look, here comes Joe, the _____ (fast) runner in my class.
7. He has run the _____ (good) time in the 100 metres sprint.
8. He is _____ (successful)



57. SUMMARY

Comparisons

Einsilbige Adjektive:

Nur die Germanic Comparison mit -er und -est:

slow	slower,	slowest
deep,	deeper,	deepest
high,	higher,	highest

Schreibregeln beachten:

- a) Endkonsonanten verdoppeln (hot, hotter, hottest)
- b) Stummes -e am Wortende fällt weg (white, whiter, whitest)
- c) Ein -y am Wortende wird zu -i (dry, drier, driest)

Zweisilbige Adjektive:

A. Germanic Comparison mit -er und -est
ist üblicher bei den Endungen -er, -y, -le und -ow:

clever,	cleverer,	cleverest
holy,	holier,	holiest
lovely,	lovelier,	loveliest
noble,	nobler,	noblest
narrow,	narrower,	narrowest

B. Romanic Comparison mit more und most
ist üblicher bei den restlichen Adjektiven und Adverbien:

pleased,	more pleased,	most pleased
direct,	more direct,	most direct
useful,	more useful,	most useful
usual,	more usual,	most usual

Merkhilfe: Jedes zweisilbige Adjektiv kann prinzipiell mit more und most gesteigert werden.
Wähle die Dir vertrauere Form.

Dreisilbige Adjektive:

Nur die Romanic Comparison mit more und most:

successful,	more successful,	most successful
interesting,	more interesting,	most interesting
exciting,	more exciting,	most exciting

59. TEST SHEET

Name: _____ Form: _____ Date: _____

A. Compare these long lines. Use the word "long" in your sentences.

_____ (This is line No. 1!)

1. This line is long.

_____ (This is line No.2!)

2. Line No. 2 is longer than line No.1.

_____ (This is line No.3!)

3. Line No. 3 is the longest of these lines.

Compare these prizes. Write three sentences and use the word "expensive".

a football, £ 10



a bicycle, £ 100



tennis shoes, £ 25

4. The football is not as expensive as the bicycle.

5. The tennis shoes are more expensive than the football.

6. The bicycle is the most expensive prize (of them all).

B. Put the adjectives into the correct form.

1. Your room is larger than I thought.

2. Your schoolbag is not as heavy as mine.

3. My homework was worse than yours.

4. My aunt has given me a book which is more boring than the one she gave me last year.

5. But this book is the most exciting that I know.

6. That's my grandfather. He is much older than you think.

7. This is my new CD player. It was the best in the shop.

8. The CD player is even smaller than my cassette recorder.



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