

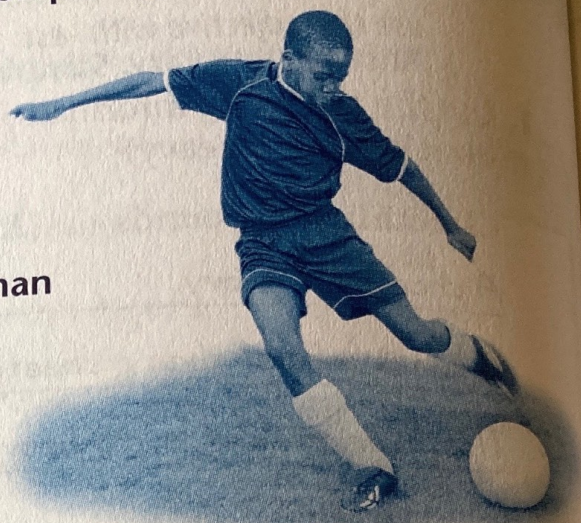
Lesson 28: Comparing

LEARN

The words *more* and *most* are often needed when comparing adjectives of two or more syllables.

- Use *more* with adjectives when comparing two people, places, or things.
Football is **more popular** than soccer in the United States.
- Use *most* with adjectives when comparing more than two people, places, or things.
Soccer is the **most popular** sport in the world.
- Do not add *-er* or *-est* to an adjective when you use *more* or *most* to compare.

- CORRECT** Jean is **more patient** than Debbie.
INCORRECT Jean is **more patienter** than Debbie.
- CORRECT** Carlos has the **most awesome** kick.
INCORRECT Carlos has the **most awesomest** kick.



PRACTICE

A Change each adjective in Column A to compare two. Change each adjective in Column B to compare more than two. Write the new adjectives on the lines.

	A		B
1. honest	<u>more honest</u>	6. generous	<u>most generous</u>
2. active	<u>more active</u>	7. loyal	<u>most loyal</u>
3. complex	<u>more complex</u>	8. difficult	<u>most difficult</u>
4. responsible	<u>more responsible</u>	9. basic	<u>most basic</u>
5. famous	<u>more famous</u>	10. independent	<u>most independent</u>

B Complete each sentence. Add **more** or **most** to the adjective in parentheses. Write the words on the line.

1. Why is soccer the most popular game in the world?
(popular)
2. Many fans claim soccer is more exciting than baseball.
(exciting)
3. According to them it is also more enjoyable than football.
(enjoyable)
4. Soccer is the most active game I have ever played. (active)
5. In football breaks in the action are more frequent than in soccer. (frequent)
6. Nonstop action is soccer's most appealing feature. (appealing)
7. Other sports have more complicated rules than soccer.
(complicated)
8. The rules for football are probably the most complex of all. (complex)
9. As a result football is more challenging to learn than soccer.
(challenging)
10. Soccer also has the most basic equipment of any team sport. (basic)
11. That helps make it the most affordable sport of all. (affordable)
12. Baseball equipment is more expensive than soccer equipment.
(expensive)
13. Setting up a football field is more demanding than setting up a soccer field. (demanding)
14. Soccer fans may be the most spirited sports fans in the world. (spirited)
15. They may also be the most loyal fans in the world. (loyal)

C Eric wrote this journal entry about playing soccer. He made six mistakes when he used adjectives to compare. Use the proofreading marks in the box to correct the errors.

when you use...

Everyone wants to win at soccer. Winning, however, is not my most ^{important} ~~importantest~~ goal. Learning teamwork, playing fairly, and having fun are my main reasons for playing. To me, being in top shape is a more ^{important} ~~importanter~~ goal than being on the top team.

Proofreading Marks

- ^ Add
- Period
- ~ Take out
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter

Of the dozens of soccer leagues in the state, ours has the best teams. We play against the most ^{skillful} ~~skillfullest~~ athletes in our age group. Win or lose, I enjoy the competition. And when the season is over, I know I've improved. My passes are ^{more} ~~most~~ accurate than before, and I understand the game a little better.

Now that the season is about to start, I am looking forward to the ^{most} ~~more~~ exciting year the team has ever had. Even though I play mainly for the love of the game, I also hope it is the ^{most} ~~more~~ successful season ever!

Look Back

Did you correct six mistakes in adjectives that compare?



D Write three sentences to compare the three sports in each group. In your first sentence, use the adjective in parentheses. In your second sentence, use **more** with the adjective. In your third sentence, use **most** with the adjective. The first one is done for you.
Answers will vary. Sample answers are given.

1. tennis baseball golf (exciting)
Golf is exciting to watch.

Tennis is more exciting than golf.

Baseball is the most exciting of the three sports.

2. kickball dodgeball softball (enjoyable)

Kickball is an enjoyable game.

Softball is a more enjoyable game than kickball.

Dodgeball is the most enjoyable game of all.

3. basketball hockey football (challenging)

Basketball is a challenging game.

Football is more challenging than baseball.

Hockey is the most challenging game of all.

4. diving figure skating swimming (graceful)

Swimming is a graceful sport.

Diving is a more graceful sport than swimming.

Figure skating is the most graceful of the three sports.

Proofreading Checklist

- Did you use **more** with an adjective to compare two sports?
- Did you use **most** with an adjective to compare three sports?