



Comparatives and superlatives

Part 1: Video preparation



1 Look at the photo. Do you remember reading the article on page 59 of your Student's Book? Name the type of TV programme it talks about.

2 Name two reasons why people in Norway like this type of programme.

3 Put the letters in order to make adjectives from the text to describe these TV programmes.

- 1 g o l n
- 2 s w o l
- 3 u r a p p o l
- 4 g l x a r i n e

Part 2: Video comprehension

Watch the video as many times as necessary and do the exercises.

1 Answer the questions.

- 1 What adjective is used to describe the TV programmes at the beginning of the video?
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- 2 How many hours did the TV programme mentioned in the video last?
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- 3 What is the presenter (Dave) planning to do at the end of the video?
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2 Add the phrase *more than* to rule a or b. Then match with the correct sentence (1–2).

- a We use the superlative to compare two people, places or things.
- b We use the comparative to compare two people, places or things.

- 1 The longest programme lasted 134 hours!
- 2 The programmes are much longer than normal programmes.

3 Complete the examples that appear in the video with either the comparative or the superlative of the adjective given.

- 1 short – – the shortest
- 2 sad – sadder – the
- 3 crazy – – the craziest
- 4 boring – more boring –

4 Use the video explanation to match the beginning of the rules (a–d) with their endings (1–4). Then match the rules with the examples in 3.

- a adjectives with two syllables or more,
 - b one syllable adjectives which end in one vowel + one consonant,
 - c two syllable adjectives ending y,
 - d one syllable adjectives,
- 1 double the last consonant and add -er/-est.
 - 2 add -er/-est.
 - 3 use *more/most* + the adjective.
 - 4 omit y and add -ier/-iest.

5 Do we use *than* in comparative or superlative sentences?

6 Do we often use *in* for comparative or superlative sentences?

Part 3: Grammar practice

Circle the correct alternative.

- 1 This is the most sad/saddest programme on TV at the moment.
- 2 My dad is crazier/crazier than Ben Stiller.
- 3 Game shows are better that/than reality shows.
- 4 I think documentary programmes are importanter/more important than sports programmes.
- 5 This is the worse/worst programme on TV. Switch it off!