

Adverbs

Adverbs	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
ending in -ly	slowly	more slowly	the most slowly
the same form as adjectives	fast late early	faster later earlier	the fastest the latest the earliest
irregular forms	little well badly far	less better worse farther/further	the least the best the worst the farthest/furthest

- Adverbs which have the same form as the adjective, take **-er** in the comparative and **-est** in the superlative.
hard – harder – hardest
- Adverbs formed by adding **-ly** to the adjective, take **more** in the comparative and **most** in the superlative.
carefully – more carefully – most carefully

1 Look at the jokes and the words in bold above. a) What part of speech are they? b) What form are they? c) How do we form the *comparative* and *superlative* form of adjectives/adverbs? Give examples.

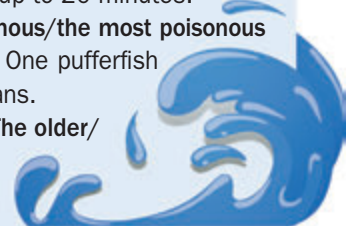
2 Write the *comparative* and *superlative* form of the following adjectives.

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| 1 long | <i>longer</i> | <i>longest</i> |
| 2 thick | | |
| 3 thin | | |
| 4 bad | | |
| 5 sharp | | |
| 6 small | | |
| 7 happy | | |
| 8 careful | | |
| 9 intelligent | | |
| 10 good | ..... | ..... |
| 11 far | ..... | ..... |
| 12 friendly | ..... | ..... |

4 Choose the correct item.

SEALIFE FACTFILE

- The black marlin is **1) the fastest/faster** fish in the sea. It can swim 80 miles per hour.
- The whale shark is **2) the largest/larger** than the great white shark. It can get as large as 18 metres.
- The great white shark has **3) sharper/the sharpest** teeth of all sharks.
- Humpback whales sing **4) the longest/the most long** whale songs. They can last up to 20 minutes.
- Pufferfish are **5) more poisonous/the most poisonous** than stonefish and lionfish. One pufferfish can easily kill 30 adult humans.
- Lobsters live long lives. **6) The older/The oldest** lobster ever caught was 70 years old!



3 Write the *comparative* and *superlative* form of the following adverbs.

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| 1 heavily | <i>more heavily</i> | <i>most heavily</i> |
| 2 quickly | | |
| 3 early | | |
| 4 bravely | | |
| 5 hard | | |
| 6 clearly | | |
| 7 fast | ..... | ..... |
| 8 angrily | ..... | ..... |
| 9 well | ..... | ..... |
| 10 little | ..... | ..... |

5 Fill in: *of*, *in*, or *than*.

AMAZING FACTS

- 1 Elephants are the heaviest *of* all land animals.
- 2 Athens is one of the oldest cities the world.
- 3 There are many oceans in the world, but the Pacific Ocean is the largest all.
- 4 Johannesburg has more trees any other city in the world.
- 5 The giant huntsman spider has the longest legs all spiders.
- 6 We know more about space we do about life in the deep sea.