

NAME

Lesson 11.12.2 Using the Degrees of Comparison

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EXERCISE 1 Identifying Correct Comparisons

Underline the correct form of the comparison in parentheses to complete each sentence. Then write on the line whether it is comparative or superlative.

- I like swimming in lakes (better, best) than in rivers. _____
- I can swim (longer, longest) distances in a lake than in a river. _____
- The (bigger, biggest) drawback to lake swimming is that the water is usually cold.

- The (more, most) fun I had this summer was going to Lake Michigan with my friend.

- It was the (hotter, hottest) day of the year, so the cold water felt good. _____
- My friend is a (stronger, strongest) swimmer than I am, but I managed to keep up.

- We also went waterskiing, but I find swimming (more, most) entertaining. _____
- Still, the boat we were on was the (greater, greatest) I have ever seen. _____
- We went (faster, fastest) than I have ever gone before. _____
- The waves were the (higher, highest) I have ever waterskied over! _____

Avoid double comparisons. Use either *more* or *-er* but not both together. The same rule applies to *most* with *-est*.

Incorrect:

I biked *more longer* today than I did yesterday.

Correct:

I biked *longer* today than I did yesterday.

Incorrect:

It was my *most longest* bike ride.

Correct:

It was my *longest* bike ride.

EXERCISE 2 Writing Correct Comparisons

For each item, write a sentence or two comparing the given topics. Include at least one comparative or superlative in your sentence(s) for each item.

- basketball, baseball, football

- hiking, running

- diving, snorkeling, swimming

- hang gliding, sailing

- biking, rock climbing
