

PROBLEMS WITH COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES _____

Skill 27: FORM COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES CORRECTLY

EXERCISE 27: Each of the following sentences contains a comparative or superlative. Circle the comparative or superlative. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. Oxygen is abundanter than nitrogen.
- ___ 2. The directions to the exercise say to choose (the most appropriate) response.
- ___ 3. The lesson you are studying now is the most importantest lesson that you will have.
- ___ 4. Fashions this year are shorter and more colorful than they were last year.
- ___ 5. The professor indicated that Anthony's research paper was more long than the other students' papers.
- ___ 6. Alaska is the coldest than all the states in the United States.
- ___ 7. The workers on the day shift are more rested than the workers on the night shift.
- ___ 8. She was more happier this morning than she had been yesterday.
- ___ 9. The quarterback on this year's football team is more versatile than the quarterback on last year's team.
- ___ 10. She always tries to do the best and most efficient job that she can do.

Skill 28: USE COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES CORRECTLY

EXERCISE 28: Each of the following sentences contains a comparative or superlative. Circle the comparative or superlative. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. Harvard is probably the most prestigious university in the United States.
- ___ 2. Rhonda is more hard working of the class.
- ___ 3. The engineers hired this year have more experience than those hired last year.
- ___ 4. The graduate assistant informed us that the first exam is the most difficult of the two.
- ___ 5. He bought the more powerful stereo speakers that he could find.
- ___ 6. The afternoon seminar was much more interesting than the morning lecture.
- ___ 7. The food in this restaurant is the best of the restaurant we visited last week.
- ___ 8. The plants that have been sitting in the sunny window are far healthier than the other plants.
- ___ 9. The photocopies are the darkest that they have ever been.
- ___ 10. The first journal article is the longest of the second article.

Skill 29: USE THE IRREGULAR **-ER, -ER** STRUCTURE CORRECTLY

EXERCISE 29: Each of the following sentences contains the irregular **-er, -er** structure. Circle the two comparisons with **the**. Underline the parts that should be parallel. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. The hotter the food is, harder it is to eat.
- ___ 2. The warmer the weather, the greater the attendance at the outdoor concert.
- ___ 3. The more you say, the worst the situation will be.
- ___ 4. The more time they have to play, the happier the children are.
- ___ 5. The thicker the walls, the noise that comes through is less.
- ___ 6. If you run faster, the earlier you'll arrive.
- ___ 7. The more you use the phone, the higher the bill will be.
- ___ 8. The harder you serve, the easier it is to win the point.
- ___ 9. The earliest you send in your tax forms, the sooner you will receive your refund.
- ___ 10. The more people there are at the party, you'll have a good time.

EXERCISE (Skills 27-29): Circle the comparatives and superlatives in the following sentences. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. The coffee is more stronger today than it was yesterday.
- ___ 2. The tree that was struck by lightning had been the tallest of the two trees we had in the yard.
- ___ 3. He will buy the most fuel-efficient car that he can afford.
- ___ 4. The closest it gets to summer, the longer the days are.
- ___ 5. The business department is bigger of the departments in the university.
- ___ 6. I really do not want to live in the Southeast because it is one of the most hot areas in the United States.
- ___ 7. It is preferable to use the most efficient and most effective method that you can.
- ___ 8. Tonight's dinner was more filling than last night's.
- ___ 9. The sooner the exam is scheduled, the less time you have to prepare.
- ___ 10. The house is now the cleanest that it has ever been.