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Comparative adjectives use *-er* to compare two nouns.
Some adjectives with two or more syllables use *more* or *less*.

Russia is **larger** than Italy.

Italy is **more** popular with tourists than Russia.

Superlative adjectives use *-est* to compare three or more nouns.
Some adjectives with two or more syllables use *most* or *least*.

Australia is the **smallest** continent.

The continent of Antarctica is the **least** populated.

Complete each sentence with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjective in parentheses. Then write C or S above the word(s) to identify the type of adjective.

- Rome was once the _____ city in the world. (powerful)
- The Roman Empire spread _____ than the empire of the Greeks. (far)
- Roman law was _____ than other civilizations' because it established order. (advanced)
- Roman roads were carefully constructed and _____ to travel on than older roads. (dangerous)
- The emperor's palaces were the _____ homes in Rome. (grand)
- Even today they are the _____ of all the ruins. (fascinating)
- The Roman Circus is the _____ site of all because it is only a grassy park now. (impressive)
- Stand inside the Colosseum and you can hear the _____ echoes of the past. (loud)

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Some comparative and superlative adjectives have irregular forms.

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Comparative</u>	<u>Superlative</u>
little	less	least
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
many	more	most

There was **little** argument about the verdict.

The jury spent **less** time deliberating than anyone imagined.

The defendant got the **least** amount of time possible for the offense.

Circle the correct adjective to complete the sentence. Then rewrite the sentence using a different comparative or superlative adjective to give the sentence the opposite meaning.

1. This museum is the _____ I've ever visited. least better best

2. There is _____ to see than in any other museum in the city. more most least

3. I spent the _____ amount of time in the modern art section. less least worst

4. That collection was the _____ in the entire building. better worse worst

5. The paintings by Renoir were the _____ impressive of all. less more most

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Some proper adjectives are made from proper nouns.
Proper adjectives are capitalized.

Proper Noun	Proper Adjective	Proper Noun	Proper Adjective
Canada	Canadian	Bolivia	Bolivian
Mexico	Mexican	Chile	Chilean
United States of America	American	Cuba	Cuban
Colombia	Colombian	Peru	Peruvian
Venezuela	Venezuelan	Uruguay	Uruguayan
Brazil	Brazilian	Argentina	Argentinian

Write the proper adjective for the proper noun.

1. Cuba _____

2. Bolivia _____

3. Uruguay _____

4. Chile _____

5. Peru _____

6. Argentina _____

7. Mexico _____

8. Canada _____

Write two sentences. Use two more proper adjectives from the rule box.

9. _____

10. _____

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The adjectives *a*, *an*, and *the* are called articles.

- Use *a* before singular nouns or other adjectives that start with a consonant.

I love **a book** with **a surprise** ending!

- Use *an* before singular nouns or other adjectives that start with a vowel.

An essay takes **an enormous** amount of time to write.

This, *that*, *these*, and *those* are called demonstrative adjectives. They point out specific nouns.

- Use *this* and *that* before singular nouns.

This movie is too scary, and **that one** is too silly.

- Use *these* and *those* before plural nouns.

We need to find **those tickets** in order to see **these films**.

Underline each article once and each demonstrative adjective twice.

For each article, circle the noun or adjective that determines the choice of article.

For each demonstrative adjective, circle the specific noun being pointed out.

1. I think I will have the best vacation ever this summer.
2. I am taking an airplane alone for the first time.
3. That part is very exciting because it makes me feel like a young adult.
4. Then I am meeting an adventure group and going to a wilderness camp.
5. This group advertises that it provides the experiences to help kids mature.
6. Those benefits appealed to my mother, but it was the activities that sold me.
7. We will ride a raft down a raging river to get to the camp.
8. We learn to read those clues that signal if an animal is nearby.
9. We learn all the rules for camping and how to follow those rules.
10. I think these experiences will provide the best lessons I will learn this year!