

Comparison of Adjectives

Language Focus

- We use the comparative form to compare **TWO** persons or things:
e.g. The London Eye is **taller than** Big Ben.
- We use the superlative form to compare **THREE OR MORE** persons or things:
e.g. London has **the oldest** underground in the world.
- Never forget the words “than” and “the”.
e.g. London is **bigger than** any other city in the United Kingdom.
The Statue of Liberty is one of **the tallest** tourist spots.

A. Proofread the sentences. If there is a mistake, underline it and make correction. Add “^” in the sentences with missing words. There are 4 correct sentences, put a “✓” on the line.

- Which is the highest waterfall in the world? _____
- The easiest way to travel Europe is by train. _____
- London’s population is larger than other cities in the United Kingdom. _____
- Do all penguins live in coldest place of the world? _____
- The Pacific Ocean is the deeppest ocean in the world. _____
- The United States may be dangerouser than Iraq. _____
- Australia is one of the more popular tourist spots. _____
- Vatican is the small country in the world, but it has very great power over Catholics. _____
- People in Switzerland are richer than people in Denmark. _____
- The Statue of Liberty is the famousest statue on earth. _____
- .People in the U.S.A. are fatter than those in Japan. _____
- People who have not visited China usually choose Beijing, the biggest city of the country, as the starting point. _____

B. Choose the correct answer.

- Hong Kong International Airport is one of (busier than / the busiest) airports, in terms of cargo throughput.
- Is Disneyland on Lantau Island much (larger than / the largest) Ocean Park?
- Which do you think is (more famous than / the most famous) place in Hong Kong?
- London's underground is (older than / the oldest) other undergrounds in the world.
- You can find (longer than / the longest) river in the world in Africa.
- Is Japan's bullet train (faster than / the fastest) France's TGV?
- Putonghua has become one of (more important than / the most important) languages in the world.
- The famous Niagara Falls is one of (more popular than / the most popular) tourist spots in North America.

C. Complete the text with correct answers.

China the Dragon

China is one of 1. _____ (big) countries on earth. It has 2. _____ (large) population; the history of its culture is 3. _____ (long) that of many other countries. Even its language, Mandarin, has also become one of 4. _____ (popular) foreign languages.

Many people link dragon, the imaginary flying creature, to China. Therefore, dragon becomes 5. _____ (important) symbol of China and the people. A dragon looks like a snake but it has wings and a long tail and it can emit fire out of its mouth, so it is 6. _____ (dangerous) a snake and is one of 7. _____ (powerful) creatures. The Chinese think the dragon is their antecedent.

You can easily find the dragon symbol in clothing; you can find it in many Chinese paintings and the Chinese character of dragon ("lung") is also 8. _____ (popular) the name of any other creature when the Chinese name their baby boys.

