

Using Adjectives to Compare

Adjectives take three forms: *positive* (describing a noun or pronoun without comparing it to anything), *comparative* (comparing two nouns), and *superlative* (comparing three or more persons, places, things, or ideas). Turn to 513.2 in *Writers INC*.

Read each sentence below. Then rewrite it using the positive, comparative, and/or superlative form of the underlined adjective.

1. *Positive:* Michael Jordan was a good basketball player.
2. *Comparative:* Michael Jordan was a better basketball player than Larry Bird.
3. *Superlative:* _____
4. *Positive:* _____
5. *Comparative:* Dracula is a scariest creature than Godzilla.
6. *Superlative:* _____
7. *Positive:* _____
8. *Comparative:* _____
9. *Superlative:* That was the best meal I've ever eaten.
10. *Positive:* I feel silly today.
11. *Comparative:* _____
12. *Superlative:* _____
13. *Positive:* _____
14. *Comparative:* _____
15. *Superlative:* This is the most remarkable painting I've seen all day.

Extend: Compose three to five sentences containing positive adjectives. Next rewrite each sentence using the comparative and superlative forms. Would one of your sentences be an excellent beginning statement for a piece of writing?