

Unit 70: COMPARING THREE OR MORE

We can use both comparative and superlative forms (Unit 68).

SUPERLATIVE FORM

That was **the best** film I've ever seen.

The Nile is **the longest** river in the world.

Nobody here gets much money but John gets **the least**.

Everybody ran fast but Maria ran **the fastest**.

Being in prison is the **most boring** thing I can imagine.

What's the **most frightening thing** that's ever happened to you?

Could you tell me the way to **the nearest** supermarket?

History is **the least useful** subject we study at school.

Everybody was hurt in the crash, but John was injured **the worst**.

To make the superlative stronger (if there is a big difference), we can use **by far**:

That was **by far** the best film I've ever seen. = much better than any others

NOTICE: **In** the hockey team, John gets the most money.

Of the eleven players, John gets the most money.

COMPARATIVE FORM + **than**

I've never seen a **better** film **than** that one.

The Nile is **longer than** any other river in the world.

Nobody gets much money but John gets **less than** anybody else.

Everybody ran fast but Maria ran **faster than** anybody else.

I cannot imagine anything **more boring than** being in prison.

It is difficult to make a comparative question when we are comparing more than two.

History is **less useful than** any other subject we study.

Everybody was hurt in the crash, but John was injured **worse** than the others.