

ADJECTIVES	COMPARATIVES	SUPERLATIVES
GOOD	BETTER	THE BEST
BAD	WORSE	THE WORST
CHEAP		
EXPENSIVE		
FAST		
SLOW		
BIG		
SMALL		
POWERFUL		

- One syllable adjectives use [-er + than], or [-e + than] if they end in “e”:
fast > faster than
nice > nicer than
- Adjectives of just one syllable that end in CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) double the last consonant:
big > bigger *thin > thinner*
- Some two syllable adjectives also use [-er + than]. When they end in “y”, this “y” changes to “i”
happy > happier *funny > funnier*

- But most adjectives with two syllables form the comparative with [more + than].
expensive > more expensive example: *Intel processors are more expensive than ADM processors.*
- The superlatives forms use [the -est in/ of]. They are formed as the comparatives do.
fast > the fastest *big > the biggest* *happy > the happiest* *expensive > the most expensive*
examples: *This is the most expensive video controller in the PC market. This is the fastest of all computers.*
- We also use *more + than* and *less + than* with nouns, to compare their quantity.
*My new hard-disk has much **more** memory **than** my old one. My old hard-disk had less **memory**.*
- We also use *less* with adjectives.
*ADM processors are **less** expensive **than** Intel processors.*

1 Complete the table above with the appropriate comparative and superlative forms.

2 Look at the table below and write sentences comparing the processors.

	INTEL CORE DUO E6850	ADM OPTERON DUAL CORE
CLOCK SPEED	3GH	2,2GHz
CACHE L2	4MB	2MB
FRONT SIDE BUS	1333 MHz	800 MHz
PRICE	229 €	215 €

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3 Write questions to make to your partner using the words in brackets ().

example: (fast / processor) *How fast is your processor?*

1. (big / RAM)
2. (big / screen)
3. (much space / hard-disk)
4. (much / computer)

4 Now compare your computer with your partner's computer and write sentences.

example: (external hard-drive) *My external hard-drive is smaller than David's, but David's external hard drive has got more memory*

1. (processor)
2. (RAM)
3. (screen)
4. (hard disk)
5. (price)
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5 Now ask the two more students and answer these questions with complete sentences

1. Who's got the fastest processor?
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2. How fast does it run?
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3. Who's got more RAM?
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4. How big is it?
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5. Who's got the biggest screen?
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6. How big is it?
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7. Who's got the best hard-disk?
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8. Why is it the best?
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9. Who's got the most expensive computer?
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10. How much is it?
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