

A2. UNIT 9. – MEETING NEW PEOPLE

Vocabulary:

- Formal and informal greetings.
- What to say when you meet new people.

Grammar:

- Comparative and superlative adjectives.



9.1. Vocabulary. Formal and informal Greetings.

Formal Greetings (with a stranger, an important person, at an interview).

Greeting	Reply
Hello.	Hi/Hello.
How are you?	Fine, thank you. And you?
How do you do?	How do you do?
Good morning / afternoon / evening.	Good morning / afternoon / evening.
Nice to meet you.	Nice to meet you too.

Informal Greetings (With your friends or family).

Greeting	Reply
Hi!	Hi/Hello.
How's it going?	Not bad!
What's up?	What's up?
Morning! / Afternoon! / Evening!	Morning! / Afternoon! / Evening!
Howdy!	Howdy!



9.2. Match each sentence on the left with the correct reply on the right.

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| 1. Hi! I'm Ana. What's your name? | - Francesco. Nice to meet you Ana. |
| 2. Where are you from Francesco? | - Yes, we've got two. |
| 3. Great! And what do you do? | - Yes, I am. And you? |
| 4. I'm a secretary. Are you married? | - I'm a driver. How about you? |
| 5. No, I'm not. Have you got children? | - Naples. That's in Italy. |

9.3. Complete the sentences and fill in the blank space with the correct answer.

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1. What's your _____?
2. Where are you _____?
3. What do you do _____?
4. Where do you _____?
5. Do you have any _____?
6. What is your _____?





9.4. Put the conversation in the correct order.

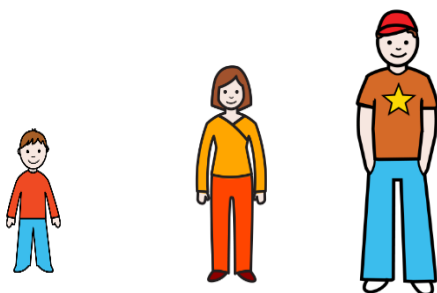
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Really? OK, great! Thank you!
Yes, I do. I'm going to the station now. Let's go together.
Hello, I'm OK thanks... but I'm lost.
I need to go to the station. Do you know where it is?
No problem! Come with me.
Hi, good morning! How are you?
Where do you need to go?



9.5. Grammar. Comparative and superlative adjectives.

1. Comparative and Superlative of adjectives of one and two syllables



Daniel	Sarah	John
1.40m	1.70m	1.85m

Comparative

- John is **taller than** Sarah.
- Sarah is **taller than** Daniel.
- Daniel is **shorter than** Sarah.
- Sarah is **shorter than** John.

Superlative

- John is taller than Sarah and Daniel. John is **the tallest**.
- Daniel is shorter than Sarah and John. Daniel is **the shortest**.

Form:

To make the comparative of an adjective of one or two syllables we add “-er” and the word “**than**”.

To make the superlative we use the word “**the**” and add “-est”.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Tall	Taller than	The tallest

Two important exceptions are:

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Good	Better than	The best
Bad	Worse than	The worst

Example:

- Lionel Messi is **the best** football player in the world.
- Cristiano Ronaldo is **better than** Zlatan Ibrahimovich.

2. Comparative and Superlative of adjectives of three or more syllables

		
Pen	iPhone	Car
€1.00	€200.00	€5,000,000.00

Comparative

- A pen is cheaper than an iPhone. An iPhone is **more expensive than** a pen.
- An iPhone is cheaper than a Ferrari. A Ferrari is **more expensive than** an iPhone.

Superlative

- The Ferrari is more expensive than the Renault and the Mercedes Benz. The Ferrari is **the most expensive** car in the world.




Form:

To make the comparative of an adjective of three or more syllables we add “**more**” before the adjective and “**than**” after it.

To make the superlative we add “**the most**” before the adjective.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Expensive	More expensive than	The most expensive

With one or two syllable adjectives that end in “-y” the “-y” changes to “-ier” in the comparative and “-iest” in the superlative.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
		
Happy	Happier than	The happiest



9.6. Select the correct answer.

1. A cat is _____ than an egg.
 bigger biggest smaller smallest

2. An egg is _____ than a cat.
 bigger biggest smaller smallest

3. A car is _____ than a bicycle.
 slowest slower faster fastly

4. A bicycle is _____ than a car.
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5. Summer is _____ than winter.
 hotter hottest colder coldest

6. Winter is _____ than summer.
 coldest hotter hottest colder

7. A giraffe is _____ than a kangaroo.
 tall taller more expensive shorter

8. A kangaroo is _____ than a giraffe.
 taller tallest shorter shortest



9.7 Complete the sentences with superlative adjectives. Match the words with the correct spaces.

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1. I am the _____ fan of The Beatles.
2. The _____ way to get to London from Paris is to go by plane.
3. Snails are the _____ animals I know.
4. The Antarctica is the _____ place on Earth.
5. Burj Khalifa, in Dubai, with 828 metres, is the _____ building in the world.
6. The _____ place on Earth is the Dasht-e Lut Desert, in Kerman, Iran, which reaches 70 °C in summer.
7. Mercury is the _____ planet in the solar system.



9.8. Select the correct answer.

Example:

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1. This painting is _____ than that one.
 - expensiver
 - more expensive
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2. This is the _____ film I have ever seen.
 - stranger
 - strangest
 - most strange

3. People who exercise regularly usually live _____ than people who don't.
 - longest
 - longer
 - more long

4. Which is the _____ snake in the world?
 - most poisonous
 - poisoner
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5. Camping is _____ than going to the beach.
- gooder
 - weller
 - better
6. Wine is _____ than water.
- cheaper
 - expensiver
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7. Who is the _____ football player in Europe?
- richer
 - richest
 - richer than
8. This winter was _____ than last year.
- more rain
 - rainer
 - rainier
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CORRECT ANSWERS



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6. What is your nationality?



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