

The positive, comparative and superlative degrees

An adjective can exist in three forms – positive, comparative and superlative. The positive form is the base form of the adjective. The comparative form expresses a higher degree of some quality. The superlative form expresses the highest degree.

Fill in the blanks with the comparative or superlative form of the adjective given in the brackets.

1. How is your mother today? Is she any
.....?

good
better
best

2. In India May is than June.

hot
hotter
hottest

3. Julie is than her sister.

pretty
prettier
prettiest

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4. Who is the girl in your class?

beautiful
most beautiful
more beautiful

5. Which is the of all metals.

precious
more precious
most precious

6. Her husband is ten years
..... than her.

old
older
oldest

7. All of us are bad singers, but I sing the
..... of all.

bad
worse
worst

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8. I think you require a diet.

nutritious
more nutritious
most nutritious

9. Which is the part of India?

dry
drier
driest

10. It was the moment of my life.

proud
prouder
proudest

Answers

1. Is she any better?
2. In India May is hotter than June.
3. Julie is prettier than her sister.

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4. Who is the most beautiful girl in your class?
5. Which is the most precious of all metals?
6. Her husband is ten years older than her.
7. All of us are bad singers, but I sing the worst of all.
8. I think you require a more nutritious diet.
9. Which is the driest part of India?
10. It was the proudest moment of my life.

Notes

The comparative adjective is usually followed by the preposition than. The superlative adjective should be used with the article the.