DEGREES OF COMPARISON

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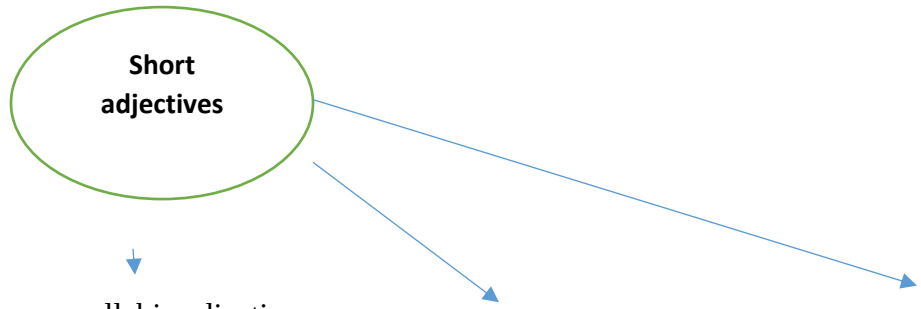

monosyllabic adjectives

adjectives ending in –er and –le

adjectives ending in "y"

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE (-er)	SUPERLATIVE(the …….-est)
short	shorter	The shortest
long	longer	The longest
clever	cleverer	The cleverest
gentle	gentler	The gentlest
big	bigger	The biggest
hot	hotter	The hottest
funny	funnier	The funniest
happy	happier	The happiest

Two or more syllables

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE (more ……..)	SUPERLATIVE(the most ……..)
comfortable	more comfortable	The most comfortable
beautiful	more beautiful	The most beautiful
interesting	more interesting	The most interesting

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	The best
bad	worse	The worst
Much/many	more	The most
little	less	The least
near	nearer	The nearest/the next
old	older/elder (when it refers to family members)	The oldest/the eldest

far	Farther/further (additional)	The farthest (it refers to distance)/the furthest (it refers to time)
late	Later/the latter (the second mentioned of two people or things) *	The latest (the most recent)/the last (final)

*the former= the first mentioned of two people or things

e.g. I have two uncles : the former is a doctor and the latter is an engineer.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Very…….=foarte ….. • As……..as=la fel de……ca si	• Than=decat • Much/a lot/far…….than=mult mai…….decat	• In the • Of the

• Not as…….as=nu la fel de ……..ca si • Less…….than=mai putin……decat	• A Little/a bit/slightly…..than=putin mai…….decat	

e.g.

scund=short

mai scund=shorter

cel mai scund=the shortest

foarte scund=very short

la fel de scund ca si=as short as

nu la fel de scund ca si=not as short as

mai putin scund decat=less short than

mult mai scund =a lot/far/much shorter

putin mai scund=a little/a bit/slightly shorter

scump=expensive

mai scump=more expensive

cel mai scump=the most expensive

foarte scump=very expensive

la fel de scump ca si=as expensive as

nu la fel de scump ca si=not as expensive as

mai putin scump decat=less expensive than

mult mai scump =a lot/far/much more expensive

putin mai scump=a little/a bit/slightly more expensive

Exercises:

1.Fill in the correct degrees of comparison of the adjectives :

young		
	More comfortable	
		The worst
	hotter	
funny		
		The best

2.Translate into English:

-cel mai bun=

-la fel de inalt ca si=

-foarte gras=

-nu la fel de batran ca si=

-mai putin frumos decat=

-mult mai interesant=

-putin mai plictisitor=

-mai scump=

-mai ieftin=

-cel mai bogat=

-cel mai frumos=