

Transformation of sentences using the comparative and the superlative

We can express the same idea in several different ways. By using a variety of structures in your writing, you can make it more interesting. In this lesson, we can learn about expressing the same idea using different forms of the same adjective.

An adjective can exist in three forms – the positive, the comparative and the superlative.

The positive form is used when no comparison is implied.

We use the comparative to compare one person, thing etc with another person, thing etc.

We use the superlative to compare somebody / something with the whole group to which he/she/it belongs.

Study the following examples.

Rani is the prettiest girl in the class. (Here we make a comparison using the superlative degree.)

Rani is prettier than any other girl in the class. (Here we make a comparison using the comparative degree.)

No other girl in the class is as pretty as Rani. (Here we make a comparison using the positive degree.)

Another example is given below.

Dogs are more faithful than any other animals. (Note the use of any other in this structure.)

Dogs are the most faithful animals.

No other animal is as faithful as the dog.

Tea is the most popular beverage in the world.

No other beverage is as popular as tea.

Tea is more popular than any other beverage.

Notes

Comparison using positive adjectives is made with the structure as...as...