

FOCUS

long adjectives

boring

comparative

more boring (than)

superlative

the most boring

Language file 6

You'll need these adjectives in exercises 10 & 11:

dangerous • difficult • exciting • expensive • famous • interesting • popular • successful

10 American football and basketball

Ben likes sport. Write these German comparatives in English.

In the USA, American football is (1 *beliebter*) more popular than basketball on TV,

but Ben prefers basketball. He thinks it's (2 *aufregender*) more exciting.

Ben plays both games at school. He thinks basketball is (3 *schwieriger*) more difficult

than American football, but football is (4 *gefährlicher*) more dangerous.

He thinks basketball is (5 *interessanter*) more interesting to watch on TV. ▶ SB p. 87

11 Basketball

Read this text about basketball. Write the German superlatives in English in the sentences.

1 *der bekannteste* • 2 *der beliebteste* • 3 *der erfolgreichste* • 4 *die teuersten* • 5 *der aufregendste*



(1) The most famous basketball player is probably Michael Jordan (played 1984–2003).

He is still (2) the most popular basketball player of all time.

(3) The most successful non¹-American player in the USA is Dirk Nowitzki, from Germany.

Top basketball players earn a lot of money.

(4) The most expensive players earn more than \$30 million per year! Many people think

Magic Johnson was (5) the most exciting player to watch. He was fast, fun and cool.

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12 Now you

Complete these sentences.

I think _____ is the most exciting football player.

The most popular football team where I live is _____.




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¹ non-American *nicht amerikanisch*

13 Three T-shirts

In the business club, Ben and two friends designed¹ T-shirts. People voted² for the best one

a) Look at the information. Write the names.

	Ben	Ella	Tom
			
Votes:			
Is it original?	18	7	0
Is it interesting?	9	14	2
Do you like it?	9	11	5
Will it be popular?			

- 1 Ben's T-shirt is the most expensive.
- 2 Ella's T-shirt is more colourful than Ben's.
- 3 Ben's T-shirt is more interesting than Tom's.
- 4 The most popular T-shirt is Ella's.
- 5 Ella's T-shirt is the most interesting.
- 6 But Ben's T-shirt is more original than Ella's.

b) Which T-shirt do you like best? Why?

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Vergleiche mit *less* und *least*

- Comparative *less* friendly than... *less* successful than...
- Superlative *the least* friendly *the least* successful

\$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 \$100
the least expensive *less expensive* *expensive* *more expensive* *most expensive*

c) Look at the table again. Circle the correct words: *less* or *least*.

Ben's T-shirt is less / the least popular than Ella's. But Tom's T-shirt is less / the least popular of the three T-shirts. It's less / the least original than Ben's and it's less / the least colourful than Ella's. It's less / the least interesting T-shirt, but it's also less / the least expensive T-shirt.

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¹ design *entwerfen* ² vote (verb and noun) *wählen/Stimme*

14 American English

Copy the **American English** words that mean the same as the British English words.

cookies • candy • mom • soccer • movie theater • French fries • chips • grade

	
biscuits	<i>cookies</i>
football	<i>soccer</i>
sweets	<i>candy</i>
year	<i>grade</i>

	
chips	<i>French fries</i>
mum	<i>mom</i>
crisps	<i>chips</i>
cinema	<i>movie theater</i>

15 A secret code

a) Use the code to find these words.

code letters	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
real letters	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	a

1 rnm = *son*

2 gdzqs = *heart*

3 rtbdrretk = *successful*

4 knsr zmc knsr = *lots and lots*

5 bnlodshshnm = *competition*

6 oqnehs = *profit*

7 Bghmz = *China*

8 vzrsd = *waste*

b) Now write the words in the right sentences.

1 Ben Chung lives in Memphis, in the *heart* of the USA.

2 The city's most famous *son* is Elvis Presley.

3 Ben's grandfather came to the USA from *China*.

4 Ben's father wants Ben to be *successful* at school.

5 Ben takes part in a business *competition*.

6 His dad thinks it's a *waste* of time.

7 But Ben's team sells *lots and lots* of cakes.

8 They make a big *profit*, and they win!