

Comparison of Adverbs

Stage 23

Comparison of Adjectives (Review)

- Adjectives modify nouns and will agree with their noun in **case, number, and gender**

<u>Positive</u>	<u>Comparative</u>	<u>Superlative</u>
laetus, -a, -um <i>happy</i>	laetior <i>happier</i>	laetissimus, -a, -um <i>happiest</i>
brevis <i>short</i>	brevior <i>shorter</i>	brevissimus, -a, -um <i>shortest</i>

Comparison of Adverbs

- Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs
- Just like adjectives, they have 3 degrees: positive, comparative, superlative

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Comp.</u>	<u>Superl.</u>
sweetly	more sweetly	very sweetly
tardy	more tardy	very tardy

Comparison of Adverbs

- The positive degree of most adverbs ends in -e (1st/2nd) or -ter (3rd)

laete = "happily" breviter = "shortly"

- The comparative degree of most adverbs ends in -ius (1st/2nd/3rd)

laetius = "more happily" brevius = "more shortly"

- The superlative degree of most adverbs ends in -issime (1st/2nd/3rd)

laetissime = "very happily" brevissime = "very shortly"

Comparison of Adverbs

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
suaviter "sweetly"	suavius "more sweetly"	suavissime "very sweetly"
audacter "boldly"	audacius "more boldly"	audacissime "very boldly"
celeriter "quickly"	celerius "more quickly"	celerissime "very quickly"

Examples

1. Loquax vocem suavam habet; suaviter cantare potest.
Loquax has a sweet voice; he is able to sing sweetly.
2. Melissa vocem suaviorem quam Loquax; suavius cantare potest.
Melissa has a sweeter voice than Loquax; she is able to sing more sweetly.
3. Helena vocem suavissimam habet; suavissime cantare potest.
Helena has the sweetest voice; she is able to sing very sweetly.

Practice

1. athleta Cantiacus celerius quam ceteri cucurrit.
2. fures senem facillime superaverunt.
3. milites, pugnate fortissime!
4. illi iuvenes filiam nostram avidius spectant.
5. canis dominum mortuum fideliter custodiebat.

Irregular Comparison of Adverbs

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
bene <i>well</i>	melius <i>better</i>	optime <i>best, very well</i>
male <i>badly</i>	peius <i>worse</i>	peissime <i>worst, very badly</i>
magnopere <i>greatly</i>	magis <i>more</i>	maxime <i>most, very greatly</i>

Irregular Comparison of Adverbs

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
paulum <i>little</i>	minus <i>less</i>	minime <i>least, very little</i>
multum <i>much</i>	plus <i>more</i>	plurimum <i>most, very much</i>

Practice

1. ubi hoc audivi, magis timebam.
2. medicus te melius quam astrologus sanare potest.
3. ei, qui male vixerunt, male pereunt.
