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Several different grammatical structures are used for comparing. English adjectives and adverbs can be in positive, comparative or superlative forms. Positive adjectives can be used to say that people or things are equal or unequal in a particular way.

Comparative adjectives and adverbs are used to say that people or things are unequal in a particular way.

1. It is more expensive ......................... I thought.
   as
   than
   then

2. Chennai is ................................. Mumbai.
   the hotter than
   hotter than
   hotter then

3. Susie is .............................. of the two sisters.
   prettier
   the prettier
   the prettiest
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4. Mary is ................................ student in the class.

best
the best
the better
better

5. He is not ......................... his brother.

as successful than
successful than
as successful as
more successful as

6. The car is running ...................... since it had a service.

smoothly
more smoothly
most smoothly
Either smoothly or more smoothly

7. It was ............................... dress I have ever worn.
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most expensive
more expensive
the most expensive
the more expensive

8. It was ten times ......................... I expected.

more difficult than
difficult than
most difficult than
more difficult

9. I can walk ................................. you.

three times further than
three times as much as
Either could be used here

10. He is ................................. his brother.

twice as lively as
twice livelier
Either could be used here
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11. He explained it carefully, but I was still
..........................
all the wiser
none the wiser
not the wiser

12. The more information that comes in,
..........................
the more confused is the picture
the more confused the picture is
the more is confused the picture
the more confused picture is

Answers
1. It is more expensive than I thought.
2. Chennai is hotter than Mumbai.
3. Susie is the prettier of the two sisters.
4. Mary is the best student in the class.
5. He is not as successful as his brother.
6. The car is running smoothly / more smoothly since it had a service.
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7. It was the most expensive dress I have ever worn.

8. It was ten times more difficult than I expected.

9. I can walk three times further than / three times as much as you.

10. He is twice as lively as his brother.

11. He explained it carefully, but I was still none the wiser.

12. The more information that comes in, the more confused the picture is.