

# Less and least: exercise

Fill in the blanks with less, little, least or lesser.

1. The apple is ..... than the mango.

- less sweet
- less sweeter
- lesser sweet

2. Copper is ..... useful than iron.

- less
- lesser
- least

3. Silver is ..... precious than gold.

- less
- lesser
- least

4. This is the ..... useful of my gadgets.

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less  
little  
least

5. Platinum is one of the .....  
common minerals.

less  
little  
least

6. All other fruits are .....  
sour than the wild apple.

little  
less  
least

7. The baby is ..... ugly than  
you.

little  
less

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8. I used to have ..... energy than I have got now.

less  
little  
least

## Answers

1. The apple is less sweet than the mango. (NOT The apple is less sweeter than the mango.)
2. Copper is less useful than iron.
3. Silver is less precious than gold.
4. This is the least useful of my gadgets.
5. Platinum is one of the least common minerals.
6. All other fruits are less sour than the wild apple.
7. The baby is less ugly than you.
8. I used to have less energy than I have got now.

## Notes

Less and least are used to talk about inequality by focusing on the 'lower' end of the cycle. Less is the comparative form. It is followed by than. Least is the superlative form.