

COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES

Texto 1



- Qual qualidade a aranha se atribui?
- Segundo a aranha, as demais aranhas do mundo equiparam-se a ela nessa qualidade?
- Com base na fala da aranha, como podemos comprovar, lingüisticamente, a resposta ao item "b"?
- Por que a aranha muda de idéia no 3º quadrinho?

Grammar Summary

	Examples	Concept	Structure	Irregular
SUPERLATIVE of Superiority	a) The new Ferrari is the most amazing car <u>ever</u> . b) Black Eyed Peas is the coolest band <u>in the world</u> . c) Lu is my best friend. d) Lex Luthor is Superman's worst enemy.	superioridade de um elemento em relação a todo o grupo	(the) most adjective <i>OR</i> (the) adjective+ est	good/well ⇒ (the) best bad/ill ⇒ (the) worst far ⇒ (the) farthest/ (the) furthest
SUPERLATIVE of Inferiority	e) Golf is the least interesting sport I <u>know</u> . f) They are the least cool band <u>ever</u> .	inferioridade de um elemento em relação a todo o grupo	(the) least adjective	-----
COMPARATIVE of Superiority	g) The Stones were cooler than the Beatles. h) A Ferrari is more potent than a Beetle. i) Parreira was better than Dunga. j) Dunga is good, but Parreira was better .	superioridade de um elemento em relação a outro	more adjective (than) <i>OR</i> adjective+ er (than)	good/well ⇒ better (than) bad/ill ⇒ worse (than) far ⇒ farther/further (than)
COMPARATIVE of Inferiority	k) A flat in Copa is generally less expensive than one in Leblon. l) Fran is less nice than I thought.	inferioridade de um elemento em relação a outro	less adjective (than)	-----
COMPARATIVE of Equality	m) This movie is <u>just as interesting as</u> the book. n) Soy meat isn't <u>nearly so good as</u> the real thing.	similaridade de um elemento em relação a outro	as/so adjective as	-----

N.B.: Comparatives and superlatives work in the same way when they refer to an adverb, instead of an adjective. Ex.:

- Frank Sinatra and many others sang beautifully, but Nat King Cole sang **best**. (Superlative of Superiority)
- Cheetahs run **more quickly than** lions. Lions run **faster than** horses. (Comparative of Superiority)
- We all wish the ice melts were melting **less quickly**. (Comparative of Inferiority)
- Bees can't fly **as high as** geese can. (Comparative of Equality)

Texto 2



- a) What is more important for the couple: chatting or answering the phone?
- b) What part of that answering machine message would be possible in the real world?



**“Nobody does it better
Makes me feel sad for the rest
Nobody does it half as good as
you
Babv. you’re the best”**

NO VESTIBULAR

1. (PUC-Rio 2004 inverno) In the sentence "Rich kids are as likely to have jobs as lower-income students...says Jacqueline King of ACE.", the author means that:

- (A) Neither rich nor poor students will find jobs easily after they graduate from college.
- (B) Not only rich students but also poor ones will face problems when entering the job market.
- (C) Rich and poor students like to have jobs to pay for cars, trips, phones and apartments.
- (D) Rich and poor students have to work during university to pay for their expenses.
- (E) Rich and poor students have the same probability of finding a job during college.

2. (UFF 2005 1a fase) The lyrics of the song Affirmation by Savage Garden reflect some of the views discussed in the text BEHIND THE SMILE.

*"I believe your most attractive features are your heart and soul.
I believe that family is worth more than money or gold
I believe the struggle for financial freedom is unfair
I believe the only ones who disagree are millionaires."*

Mark the option which best establishes a relationship between the text and the verse above.

- (A) Most people's happiness level is a result of self-discipline.
- (B) People are happier when their finances are high.
- (C) People with jobs are happier than the unemployed.
- (D) Aspirations rise with income.
- (E) Social relationships are more important for one's happiness than income.

3. (UERJ 2004) ***If it's noisy, call back from somewhere quieter.***

The suffix **-er** in **quieter** is semantically equivalent to the suffix in:

- (A) manners (***Desperately seeking mobile phone manners***)
- (B) users (***Rudeness among cell phone users seems to be all the rage!***)
- (C) caller (***Use caller ID to screen calls***)
- (D) louder (***Don't yell. There's no need to speak louder than you would in any other phone.***)

4. (UERJ 2006 2o EQ) ***Laws are not so effective as nonviolent behavior.***

The fragment that reiterates the idea of the sentence above is:

- (A) "Nonviolence can touch men where the law cannot reach them"
- (B) "When the law regulates behavior it plays an indirect part in molding public sentiment."
- (C) "Here nonviolence comes in as the ultimate form of persuasion"
- (D) "We will not obey unjust laws or submit to unjust practices"

5. (PUC 2004) The only item that contains an adjective used in the superlative form is:

(A) "The widespread destruction (...) is happening before we even know the most basic facts about what we are losing."

(B) "Covering only 6 percent of the Earth's surface, tropical moist forests contain at least half of all species."

(C) "Scientists estimate that (...) as much as 20 or 25 percent of the world's plant species will soon be extinct."

(D) "However, the chemical structures of most natural drugs (...) simple extraction is usually less expensive than synthesis."

(E) "Tropical forests offer hope for safer contraceptives for both women and men."

Answer Key: 1.E 2.E 3.D 4.A 5.A

