



ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



MANDARIN CHINESE ACTIVITY

How to use 更 (gèng, "even more") and 最 (zuì, "most") in Mandarin Chinese?

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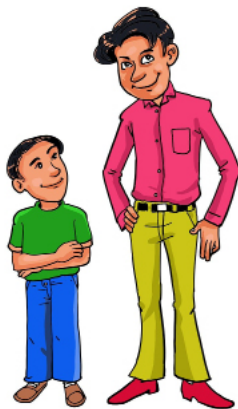
1 Write a comparative or a superlative sentence according to the picture you see.



1. 苹果 (píngguǒ, "apple"), 橙子 (chéngzi, "orange"), 少 (shǎo, "little")



2. 中间的 (zhōngjiān de, "the middle"), 咖啡杯 (kāfēi bēi, "coffee mug"), 大 (dà, "big")



3. 左边的 (zuǒbiān de, "the left"), 右边的 (yòubiān de, "the right"), 男人 (nánrén, "man"), 矮 (ǎi, "short")

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2 Use the following state verbs 喜欢 (xǐhuan, "to like"), 爱 (ài, "to love"), 想 (xiǎng, "to want"), 需要 (xūyào, "to need"), 讨厌 (tǎoyàn, "to dislike"), 恨 (hèn, "to hate"), 怕 (pà, "to fear"), 了解 (liǎojiě, "to understand"), and 知道 (zhīdào, "to know") to translate the sentences into Mandarin Chinese.

饺子 jiǎozi dumpling	夏天 xiàtiān summer	中国文化 zhōngguó wénhuà Chinese culture	蛇 shé snake	游泳 yóuyǒng to swim
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1. Who likes to eat dumplings more, Mom or you?

2. She hates summer the most.

3. He understands Chinese culture even better than me.

4. Does your daughter fear snakes the most?

5. Who wants to go swimming the most now?

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3 Look at the following statistics and write a comparative or a superlative sentence.

Weather Forecast						
星期一 50 °F	星期二 48 °F	星期三 55 °F	星期四 40 °F	星期五 60 °F	星期六 52 °F	星期日 57 °F

1. Which day is the coldest? (冷, lěng, "cold")
2. Which day is the hottest? (热, rè, "hot")
3. Compare the temperature on Monday and Sunday.

Descriptions of family members	
哥哥 gēge older brother	15岁 (suì), 1.60 米 (mǐ), 70公斤 (gōngjīn), 非常喜欢猫 (fēicháng xǐhuan māo) 15 years old, 1.60 m, 70 kg, likes cats very much
妹妹 mèimei younger sister	13岁, 1.80米, 45公斤 (gōngjīn), 有一点喜欢猫 (yǒu yìdiǎnr xǐhuan māo) 13 years old, 1.80 m, 45 kg, likes cats a little

4. Who is much taller? (高/gāo)
5. Who is much heavier? (重/zhòng)
6. Who likes cats more? (喜欢/xǐhuan)

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1. 苹果比橙子更少。
Píngguǒ bǐ chéngzi gèng shǎo.
Apples are much less than oranges.
 2. 中间的咖啡杯最大。
Zhōng jiān de kāfēi bēi zuì dà.
The middle coffee mug is the biggest.
 3. 左边的男人比右边的男人更矮。
Zuǒbian de nánrén bǐ yòubian de nánrén gèng ǎi.
The man on the left is even shorter than the man on the right.
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1. 谁更喜欢/爱吃饺子, 妈妈还是你?
Shuí gèng xǐhuan/ài chī jiǎozi, māma háishì nǐ?
Who likes to eat dumplings more, Mom or you?
 2. 她最讨厌夏天。
Tā zuì tǎoyàn xiàtiān.
She hates summer the most.
 3. 他比我更了解中国文化。
Tā bǐ wǒ gèng liǎojiě zhōngguó wénhuà.
He understands Chinese culture even better than me.
 4. 你女儿最怕蛇吗?
Nǐ nǚér zuì pà shé ma?
Does your daughter fear snakes the most?
 5. 现在谁最想去游泳?
Xiànzài shuí zuì xiǎng qù yóuyǒng.
Who wants to go swimming the most now?

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- 3 1. 星期四最冷。
Xīngqī sì zuì lěng.
Thursday is the coldest.
2. 星期五最热。
Xīngqī wǔ zuì rè.
Friday is the hottest.
3. 星期一比星期日更冷。
Xīngqī yī bǐ xīngqī rì gèng lěng.
Monday is much colder than Sunday.
4. 妹妹比哥哥更高。
Mèimei bǐ gēge gèng gāo.
Younger sister is much taller than older brother.
5. 哥哥比妹妹更重。
Gēge bǐ mèimei gèng zhòng.
Older brother is much heavier than younger sister.
6. 哥哥比妹妹更喜欢猫。
Gēge bǐ mèimei gèng xǐhuan māo.
Older brother likes cats more than younger sister.

