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Plus + adverb + **que** conveys the idea of 'more ... than', **moins** + adverb + **que** the idea of 'less ... than'. **Aussi** + adverb + **que** conveys the idea of 'as ... as.'

Joe-Bob court **plus** vite **qu'**Edouard.

Joe-Bob runs faster than Edouard.

Tex court **moins** vite **que** Joe-Bob.

Tex runs slower (less fast) than Joe-Bob.

Qui court **aussi** lentement **qu'**Edouard? Personne, bien sûr!

Who runs as slowly as Edouard? No one, of course!



Note that **mieux** (better) is the irregular comparative form of the adverb **bien** (well). The other comparative forms of **bien** are regular (**moins bien que**, **aussi bien que**).

Joe-Bob: Vous allez **bien** aujourd'hui? Vous êtes en forme pour la course?

Joe-Bob: Are you doing ok today? Are you in good shape for the race?

Tex: Ah, oui, je vais **mieux qu'**hier. Je n'ai pas fumé depuis 24 heures.

Tex: Ah yes, I am better than yesterday. I haven't smoked for 24 hours.

Edouard: Moi, je vais **moins bien qu'**hier. J'ai tellement travaillé que j'ai des courbatures.

Edouard: Oh no, I am less well than yesterday. I've worked so much that I have aches and pains.

Corey: Oh, je vais **aussi bien qu'**hier. Je suis dopé, comme d'habitude.

Corey: Oh I am doing as well as yesterday. I'm high (on insecticides), as usual.

superlative of adverbs: indicating the most, the least

In French as in English, the superlative is a way to express a maximum or minimum quality or capacity: 'the fastest', 'the least fast'. To form the superlative of an adverb, the masculine singular form of the [definite article](#) is always used: **le**, followed by **plus** (more) or **moins** (less) before the adverb. Note that the superlative of an adverb has only one form. **Le mieux** (the best) and **le moins bien** (the least well) are the superlative forms of the adverb **bien** (well).

Joe-Bob, Tex, Corey et Edouard se préparent à faire une course.

Joe-Bob, Tex, Corey and Edouard are about to start a race.

Corey: Qui va gagner?

Corey: Who's going to win?

Joe-Bob: Moi, bien sûr! je cours **le plus vite** et Edouard va être le dernier parce qu'il court **le moins vite**!

Joe-Bob: Me, of course! I run the fastest and Edouard is going to be last, because he runs the least fast!

Edouard (vexé): Tu dis ça parce que je suis un escargot! Mais tout le monde sait que je cours **le plus élégamment**!

Edouard (offended): You say this because I am a snail! But everyone knows that I run the most elegantly!



Complete Tammy's statements with the adverbs in between parentheses, using one of the French superlative forms or one of the comparative forms, as indicated. '+' is for comparative indicating 'more... than', '-' is for comparative indicating 'less...than'

1. Tammy : Tex explique _____ Edouard. (+, clairement)
2. Tammy : Tex lit _____ Joe-Bob. (+, rapidement)
3. Tammy : Je parle français _____ Bette. (=, bien)
4. Tammy : Tex est le tatou qui embrasse ('kisses') _____. (superlative +, bien)
5. Tammy : Corey travaille _____ Fiona. (-, fréquemment)
6. Tammy : Tex mange _____ moi. (-, poliment)
7. Tammy : Tex parle le français _____ moi. (+, couramment)
8. Tammy : Fiona est l'étudiante qui réussit _____ à UT. (superlative +, brillamment)
9. Tammy : Joe-Bob chante _____ Tex. (=, mal)
10. Tammy : Corey apprend _____ Fiona. (-, vite)
11. Tammy : De toutes mes amies, Bette parle _____. (superlative -, honnêtement)
12. Tammy : De toutes mes copines, Bette ment ('lies') _____. (superlative +, souvent)