

8 The Best and the Worst

Joe Sanders has the most beautiful garden in our town. Nearly everybody enters for 'The Nicest Garden Competition' each year, but Joe wins every time. Bill Frith's garden is larger than Joe's. Bill works harder than Joe and grows more flowers and vegetables, but Joe's garden is more interesting. He has made neat paths and has built a wooden bridge over a pool. I like gardens too, but I do not like hard work. Every year I enter for the garden competition too, and I always win a little prize for the worst garden in the town!



Comprehension Précis and Composition

Answer these questions in not more than 45 words.

1. Who has the best garden in town?
2. What does he win each year?
3. Who else has a fine garden?
4. Is Joe's better or not?
5. Is the writer's garden beautiful, or is it terrible?
6. What does he always win a prize for?

Key Structures

The best and the worst

I want to tell you something about three girls in our class. The girls' names are Mary, Jane and Betty. Read these sentences carefully:

Mary is tall, but Jane is taller. Jane is taller than Mary. Betty is very tall. She is the tallest girl in the class.

Jane's handwriting is bad, but Mary's is worse. Betty's handwriting is very bad. It is the worst handwriting I have ever seen.

The three girls collect photos of film stars. Mary hasn't many photos, but Jane has more. Jane has more photos than Mary. Betty has very many. She has the most.

Mary's collection of photos is not very good. Jane's is better. Betty's collection is the best.

Last week the three girls bought expensive dresses. Betty's dress was more expensive than Jane's. Mary's was more expensive than Betty's. Mary's dress was the most expensive.

Exercises

A. How do they compare?

These questions are about Mary, Jane and Betty. Answer each question with a complete sentence:

1. How does Mary's handwriting compare with Jane's?
2. How does Betty's handwriting compare with Mary's and Jane's?
3. How does Betty's dress compare with Jane's?
4. How does Mary's dress compare with Jane's and Betty's?

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B. In the passage 'The Best and the Worst' there are seven comparisons. Can you find them?

C. Give the correct form of the words in brackets and make other necessary changes. Do not refer to the passage until you finish the exercise:

Joe Sanders has the (beautiful) garden in our town. Nearly everybody enters for 'The (Nice) Garden Competition' each year, but Joe wins every time. Bill Frith's garden is (large) Joe's. Bill works (hard) Joe and grows (many) flowers and vegetables, but Joe's garden is (interesting). He has made neat paths and has built a wooden bridge over a pool. I like gardens too, but I do not like hard work. Every year I enter for the garden competition too, and I always win a little prize for the (bad) garden in the town!

D. Put in *of* or *in*:

1. Which is the longest river ... the world?

Assignment #1

Activity B: The best & the worst.

- Sol:-
- i) Joe Sander's has the most beautiful garden.
 - 2) Bill Frith's garden is larger than Joe's.
 - 3) Bill works harder than Joe's.
 - 4) And grows more flowers than Joe's.
 - 5) but Joe's garden is more interesting.
 - 6) Everybody enters for "The nicest garden competition" but Joe wins every time.
 - 7) I always win little prize for the worst garden in town.