

## ***Good, Better, Best: Irregular comparative and superlative forms***

### ***Directions for the teacher:***

**STEP 1** – Complete Task A together. You may choose to do at least two readings of each text. For example, you can read one text line by line and have the students repeat after you. Then you can have them read the text from beginning to end out loud with a partner.

**STEP 2** – Have students work silently on Task B then compare answers with a partner. Volunteers can read the completed texts to the class.

**STEP 3** – Task C is to be completed in pairs.

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### **Task A. Read the texts.**

When you study, you learn.  
Maybe you *want* to study. This is **good**.  
Maybe you *plan* to study. This is **better**.  
Maybe you *are* studying now and *trying* to learn. This is **best**!  
Remember, good – better – best.  
Wanting is **good**. Planning is **better**. Doing is **best**.

When you learn, you make mistakes.  
Mistakes are not **bad**. It's okay to make a mistake.  
Maybe you are *afraid* to make a mistake. That's **worse**.  
Maybe you want to *stop* after a mistake. That's the **worst** thing to do.  
Remember, bad – worse – worst.  
Making mistakes isn't **bad**. Being afraid is **worse**. Quitting is the **worst**.

When you walk, you go **far**.  
Don't stop. Go **farther**.  
Go the **farthest** you can.

You are doing **well**.  
Don't stop. Believe you can do **better** and learn more.  
Do the **best** you can.

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**Task B. Complete the sentences with words from the box. Use each word once.**

<b>bad</b>	<b>best</b>	<b>good</b>	<b>worst</b>
<b>better</b>	<b>farther</b>	<b>worse</b>	<b>well</b>

1. In Washington, it's cloudy and cool. They have \_\_\_\_\_ weather today.  
In Portland, it's windy and rainy. The weather is \_\_\_\_\_ there than in Washington.  
In Boston, there is a big snowstorm. They have the \_\_\_\_\_ weather today.
2. David, Henry, and Nina type fast on their computers.  
David can type 50 words per minute. David is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Henry can type 60 words per minute. Henry is \_\_\_\_\_ than David.  
Nina can type 70 words per minute. Nina is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all three.
3. Paulo and Carl are strong runners. Paulo did \_\_\_\_\_ today. He ran 3 miles.  
Carl said, "Good job!" Paulo said, "Thanks, but I know you did better." Carl ran 5 miles,  
so he ran \_\_\_\_\_ than Paulo.

**Task C. Complete the sentences with your own words.**

1. [places]  
I live in \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ is far away, but \_\_\_\_\_ is farther.
2. [places]  
Not every trip is fun. Going to \_\_\_\_\_ was bad, but going to \_\_\_\_\_ was worse.
3. [subjects]  
I was a good student in school. I did well in \_\_\_\_\_, but I did better in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. [subjects]  
Not all subjects in school were fun. \_\_\_\_\_ was the best, and \_\_\_\_\_ was the worst.

**Share your sentences with a partner.**