

# Adjective

## Function

Feelings or qualities

He is a lonely man  
They are honest people

Nationality or origin

Pierre is French  
This clock is German

characteristics

A wooden table  
The knife is sharp

age

He's a young man  
My coat is very old

Size and measurement

John is a tall man.  
This is a very long film.

color

Paul wore a red shirt  
The sunset was crimson and gold

Material/what something is made of

It was a wooden table  
She wore a cotton dress

shape

A round table

Judgement or a value

A fantastic film  
Grammar is boring

## Adjectival Opposites

antonym

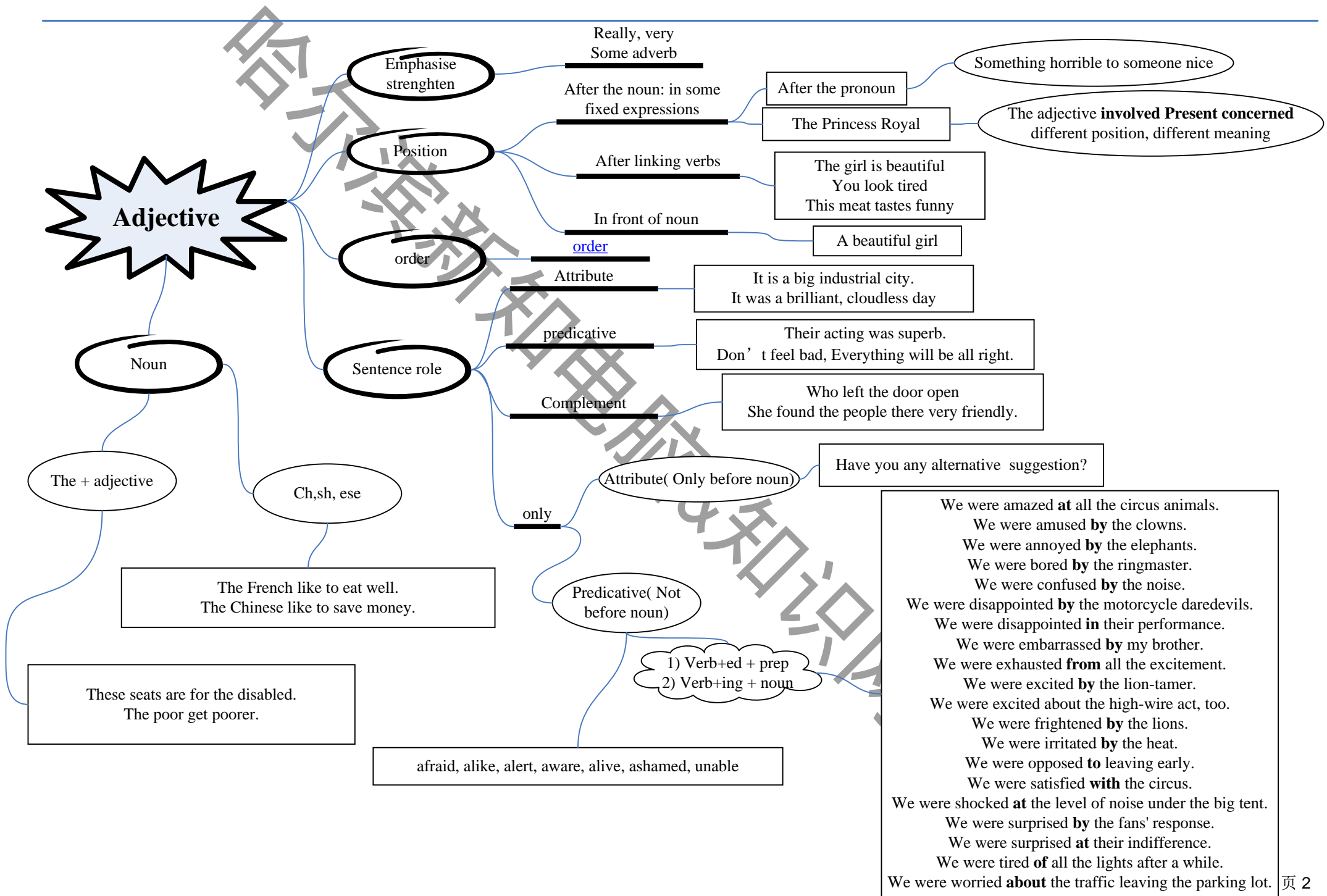
Tall—short  
Beautiful--ugly

prefix

Fortunate—unfortunate  
Prudent—imprudent  
Honest--dishonest

Less least

It is the **least** beautiful city in this state.



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## Comparison

### Form

#### No comparison

Superior to  
Inferior to  
Senior to  
Junior to  
Prior to  
Posterior to

He Is Inferior to David  
He Is superior to most of his friend  
Prior to the war, he was a teacher  
Posterior to the war, he left the army

Perfect, sublime  
Noble, extreme  
Superb excellent

He speaks English perfect

Good →Marvelous, fabulous wonderful  
Bad→Awful Huge→Enormous  
Nice→Excellent Wet→Soaking  
Excited→Thrilled Surprised→Amazed  
Valuable→Priceless Small→Tiny  
Silly→Ridiculous Funny→Hilarious  
Interesting→Fascinating Pleased→Delighted  
Value→Priceless Beautiful→Gorgeous

#### Comparison

##### irregular

Good: better best Bad: worse worst  
Little: less least Much: more most  
Far: farther farthest

Elder sister  
Eldest brother 大哥  
Eldest son 长子  
Farther measure distance

Ending with single consonant, double  
Bigger, biggest  
Thinner, thinnest

Ending with y: ier , iest

##### Regular

Three syllables: **more most Less, least**

Two syllables: +er or more +est or most  
Use more and most less lease when you are not sure

One syllable : **+er +est**

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Difference

事物比较用that, those

His car is better than those of his friends.  
I have found that John's interest in English is greater than that of his classmate Peter.

两个形容词比较全部用原形

He is more good than bad  
**Not He is better than bad(X)**  
==He is good rather than bad.

Most, least 修饰动词, 副词不加the

He is the better of the two boys.

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The more + of two

He treats people most politely.  
I need you most.  
I least expected to see you here.

Less + 原形+than

He is less good than John.  
He speaks English less well than John.

Quantity

**Uncountable**  
**more/less+than**

I have more money than you  
Cats drink less water than dogs

**Countable:**  
**more/fewer+than**

I have more books than you  
There are fewer dogs in Cardiff than in Bristol

Comparative +than

Thailand is **sunnier** than Norway  
A car is **more** expensive than a bicycle  
A bicycle is **less** expensive than a car.

Ellipsis of adverbial clause

The weather is warmer here  
The meals are more expensive in a restaurant.  
Are you feeling better  
I will be more careful in the future.

Adverb

**Far/much/a lot / a great deal/ still /even**  
My sister is **two years** younger than me  
Our room is **slightly** bigger than theirs  
This car is **a bit** more expensive.

Other

Many cities are getting bigger and bigger.  
I bought more than ten books  
**The busier** he is, **the happier** he feels

Compare with self

助动词不省略

He studies harder than he did.  
She looks younger than she is.

介词短语不省略

He is happier with Mary than with Jane.  
He is more interested in English than in Japanese.

宾语不同时, 完整从句。用do代替动词

I love you more than I do Mary

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No difference

Quantity

Countable: as many/few + as

They have as many children as us  
Tom has as few books as Jane

Countable: as much/little + as

John eats as much food as Peter  
Jim has as little food as Sam

As + adjective + as

Ramona is as happy as Raphael  
Einstein is as famous as Darwin.

Adverb

He was **almost** as diligent as his sister.  
Mary was **just** as busy as before.  
She was **nearly** as tall as her mother.

Adverbial

The whale was twice as long as her boat.  
My command of English is not half so good as yours.

As + adj + a + noun + as

He is as handsome a boy as John.  
I have as good a car as that one.

Noun

Times + the (possessive) + noun

He has three times my money.  
The river is ten times the length of the Tamsui River

Adjective

Times + as...as...

He is three times as diligent as I.  
The river is ten times as long as the Tamsui River.

..达  
早在

as long as + numerical + noun  
As wide as + numerical + noun  
As high as + numerical + noun  
As early as + numerical + noun  
As late as + numerical + noun

I have been learning English as long as 25 years  
He came home as late as two in the morning.  
I mailed the letter as early as Friday.

与其..不如..

Not so + adj + as + adj

She is not so beautiful as charming  
== She is charming rather than beautiful

Not so much + noun + as + noun

He is not so much a writer as a scholar  
== He is a writer rather than a scholar.

Not so much + prep phrase/ Infinitive + as +  
Prep phrase/ Infinitive

Our success was attributed not so much to your help as to our cooperation

Not so much + verb + as + verb

The oceans do not so much divide the world as unite it  
== The oceans unite the world rather than divide it

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含义比较特殊，代表双重否定。

No(not)  
more(less)...than

No more...than

He cannot sing, just as I cannot sing.  
==He cannot sing any more than I  
==He can no more sing than I

He is no better at English than I am  
==He is not good at English any more than I am  
He is not good at English, just as I am not good at English

No less...than

He is no less good at English than I  
==He is as good at English as I

Not more...than  
Not less...than

She is not more beautiful than Mary

She is not less beautiful than mary

No more than + numerical  
No less than + numerical

It is no more than ten minutes' walk from here  
==only

It is no less than ten minutes' walk from here.  
==as many as

Not more than + numerical  
Not less than + numerical

I' ll stay here not more than three days  
==at most

I will stay here not less than three days  
==at lease

Much more

She can speak French,

not to mention writing it.  
not to speak of writing it.  
to say nothing of writing it.  
let alone write it.  
much more write it.  
still more write it

She can' t speak French,

not to mention writing it.  
not to speak of writing it.  
to say nothing of writing it.  
let alone write it.  
much less write it.  
still less write it

