


# Read and Discover

Cold, windy weather is **harder** to work in than moderate weather. Antarctica has the **harshest** climate of any continent. Winds blow much **harder** there than in North America.

Circle the boldfaced adverb that compares an action with one other action. Underline the boldfaced adjective that compares something with more than one other thing.

The **comparative form** of an **adjective** or an **adverb** compares two people, places, things, or actions. Add **-er** to short adjectives or adverbs to create the comparative form. Use the word *more* before long adjectives and adverbs to create the comparative form (*more challenging*). The **superlative form** compares three or more people, places, things, or actions. Add **-est** to create the superlative form. Use the word *most* before long adjectives and adverbs to create the superlative form (*most challenging*).  **Remember to use this information when you speak, too.**

See Handbook Sections 15, 18, and 25

## Part 1

Underline the correct form of the adjective or adverb in parentheses.

1. Of all the tales of survival I've read, Dr. Jerri Nielsen's is the (more amazing/most amazing).
2. Nielsen worked at a research station in Antarctica, the (colder/coldest) of the seven continents.
3. Temperatures sometimes dip (lower/lowest) than minus 90 degrees Fahrenheit there.
4. While there, Nielsen faced the (more difficult/most difficult) challenge of her life.
5. During the winter, the (darker/darkest) part of the year, Nielsen learned she had cancer.
6. The frigid temperatures, some of the (lower/lowest) on Earth, made a rescue impossible.
7. As Nielsen worked to treat her own cancer, time seemed to pass (more slowly/most slowly) than ever before.
8. Months later, when temperatures rose, Nielsen was flown to the United States for (better/best) medical care.
9. Despite her terrifying experience, Nielsen says that at the South Pole she found the (more perfect/most perfect) home she had ever known.