Rachel's Journal: The Story of a Pioneer Girl Grammar: Making Comparisons

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Comparing with Good and Bad

The adjectives *good* and *bad* are irregular adjectives. To form their comparative and superlative forms, do not add *-er* or *-est* endings or use the word *more* or *most*. The chart below shows which form of *good* and *bad* to use.

adjective	comparative	superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst

Thinking Question How many things are being compared in the sentence?

Wild strawberries are good, but wild blackberries are better and wild raspberries are the best!

1–4. Look at the underlined word in each sentence. If it is correct, write C on the line. If it is incorrect, write the correct form of *good* or *bad*.

- 1. Many people traveled west because they wanted a best life.
- 2. Which is worst, keeping a small farm or working hard to start a new farm?
- 3. A pioneer needed to be good at hunting and farming.
- 4. Some people had best reasons for moving than others.

5-8. Circle the word that correctly completes the sentence.

- 5. Schoolchildren tried to earn (good, best) scores on their tests.
- 6. The farmer's (worse, worst) fear was that there would be a drought.
- 7. Is a drought (worse, worst) than locusts?
- 8. Hannah plays the banjo much (better, worst) than Joe does.

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