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Comparing with Adverbs

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

You can compare the way that actions are done. To compare two actions, form a **comparative adverb** by using the word *more* before an adverb ending in *-ly*. To compare three or more actions, form a **superlative adverb** by using the word *most*.

Karina's calf ran more gracefully than she had run yesterday.

Maddy's horse ran the most gracefully of all the horses on the field.

Thinking Question

How many things are being compared in the sentence?

1–4. Circle the adverb in each sentence. Write C on the line if it is a comparative adverb. Write S if it is a superlative adverb.

1. People traveled more carefully along the trails than they did on the flat prairies.
2. Pioneers looked for water most eagerly when they were near a desert.
3. Pioneers traveled most carefully when they were crossing a river.
4. Thunder seemed to crash more powerfully out on the open plain.

5–8. Write the correct form of the adverb in parentheses.

5. (superlative, *happily*) Children played when they felt safe.
6. (comparative, *restfully*) The adults slept in a cabin.
7. (superlative, *forcefully*) The rivers ran after a strong rain.
8. (comparative, *slowly*) The older cattle moved than the young calves.