

Talking Sport

Week 2 – Luol Deng
I'm so excited!



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In today's video we heard Luol say he was excited in different ways.

1) -ed and -ing adjectives

In the video Luol said he was 'so excited' – he used the -ed adjective.

*"I'm so **excited** for the 2012 Olympics."*

To talk about how we feel about someone or something we can use the -ed adjective.

Example: He was so excited that he couldn't sleep last night.

To talk about how someone or something made us feel we can use the -ing adjective.

Example: That film was very exciting.

Now complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective.

1. The speech that my boss made was very _____. (surprised / surprising)
2. I am very _____ in science. (interested / interesting)
3. He has had a long day. He is very _____. (tired / tiring)
4. Horse riding is a very _____ sport. (excited / exciting)

2) Comparative adjectives

In the video Luol used the comparative adjective **bigger**.

*"... for the Olympics to be in my hometown it just doesn't get any **bigger** than that ..."*

One way to compare two things is to add -er to the adjective.

Example: This shop is **cheaper** than the big supermarket down the road.

Exceptions

If the adjective ends in -y we usually change this to -ier.

Example: This towel is **drier** than the one in the bathroom.

If the adjective is very short we sometimes double the last consonant and then add -er.

Example: Sally is **bigger** than Claire.

If the adjective is long we add the word '**more**' before the adjective.

Example: Is your watch **more** expensive than Phil's one?

Now complete the sentences with the correct form of the comparative adjective.

1. A mouse is much _____ than a cat. (small)
2. The weather is _____ in Spain than it is in the UK. (hot)
3. I am not interested in football. I am _____ in athletics. (interested)
4. This street is much _____ than it was yesterday. (busy)

Answers

1) -ed and -ing adjectives

1. The speech that my boss made was very surprising.
2. I am very interested in science.
3. He has had a long day. He is very tired.
4. Horse riding is a very exciting sport.

2) Comparative adjectives

1. A mouse is much smaller than a cat.
2. The weather is hotter in Spain than it is in the UK.
3. I am not interested in football. I am more interested in athletics.
4. This road is much busier than it was yesterday.

Script

Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Basketball's top stars play in the American Basketball league.

But at the Olympics they can play for their own country.

Luol Deng is playing for Britain in Team GB at the London 2012 Olympics.

Let's hear from Luol.

Listen out for two expressions that Luol uses to mean he is excited about the Olympics.

Clip

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Presenter

Watch the clip again.

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Luol Deng used two phrases to show he was excited.

I'm so excited!

I'm so excited for the 2012 Olympics.

I can't wait!

London I'll be there and I can't wait!

Well Luol is excited about the London 2012 Olympics but let's hear what some people in London are excited about.

Vox pops

I'm going on holiday soon and I can't wait!

I starting a new job soon and I'm really excited!

I'm going to the London Eye this afternoon and I'm so excited!

On screen

I can't wait!

I'm really excited!

I'm so excited!

Presenter

I'm Natalie and that's all from talking sport.

Why not try out this week's worksheet for some extra learning?

See you next time.