PARSING ADJECTIVES: DEGREE

First, look over the examples in #1 and #2.

Then look at #3, "*The sun was warm . . .* " which has been analyzed for you.

Fill in all blank places on the chart, and then parse "*warm*" and "*sweet*."

You may use the lower half or back of this paper to do so.

PARTS OF SPEECH – ADJECTIVE COMPARISON

                         a   I   b   c

1. [The anxious cry (of the lambs) was answered (by the deeper calls (of the ewes)).]

    This is a simple, declarative sentence.

Cl/Phr	Nature	Form	Office / Function
I	independent	– – –	– – –
a	adjective phrase	prepositional	modifies "was answered"
b	adverbial phrase	prepositional	manner, modifies "was answered"
c	adjective phrase	prepositional	modifies "calls"

Only more difficult diagramming will be shown from this point forward.

anxious : | adjective, descriptive (simple), **positive degree of comparison**, modifies "cry"

deeper : | adjective, descriptive (simple), **comparative degree of comparison**, modifies "calls"

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2. [I took out the smallest pebbles.]

    This is a simple, declarative sentence.

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I	independent	– – –	– – –

smallest : | adjective, descriptive (simple), **superlative degree of comparison**, modifies "pebbles"

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3. [The sun was warm (on my back)] and [the air was sweet (with April).]
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    This is a compound, declarative sentence.

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I		– – –	– – –
II		– – –	– – –
a	adverbial phrase	prepositional	place, modifies " "
b	phrase		manner, modifies " "