

Comparative & Superlative

Comparative:

+ We use Comparative when we compare two people or things.

+ Lots of Comparative adjectives end in: -er

-Example:

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| 1. Small-Smaller | 3. Old-Older |
| 2. Warm-Warmer | 4. Tall-Taller |

+ If one-syllable adjective ends with an e, we just add -r

-Example:

1. Nice-Nicer,
2. Wide-Wider

+ We use more with the unchanged adjectives:

-Example:

1. Boring-More Boring
2. Beautiful-More Beautiful

Note: If the word ends: consonant-vowel-consonant, then the last consonant is usually doubled in the comparative.

Examples: big-bigger, fat-fatter, hot-hotter.

Superlative

+ Superlatives are used to compare more than two things.

+ Lots of Comparative adjectives end in: est

- Example:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Short- Shortest | 3. High-Highest |
| 2. Smart-Smartest | 4. Dark-Darkest |

+ If one-syllable adjective ends with an e, we just add st

-Examples:

1. Nice-Nicest,
2. Wide-Widest

+ We use most with the unchanged adjective

-Example:

1. Boring-Most Boring
2. Beautiful-Most Beautiful

+ Adjectives with one syllable + Y (Y changes to I)

-Example:

Friendly-Friendliest

Certain adjectives have irregular forms in the comparative and superlative degrees:

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
1. Good	Better	The best
2. Little	less	least
3. Bad	worse	worst
4. Far	farther	farthest

1) Exercise

Complete the comparative and superlative adjective chart below.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
1. Sweet		
2. Long		
3. Fast		
4. Old		
5. Expensive		
6. Large		
7. Tall		
8. Rich		
9. Hard		
10. Warm		
11. Nice		
12. Bad		
13. Young		

2) Exercise

Fill in the correct form of the words in brackets (comparative or superlative).

- This is the (interesting) _____ book I have ever read.
- She is _____ (happy) now than he was last year.
- I always tell the _____ (fun) jokes.
- They are not going to the _____ (bad) hotel.
- He was the (clever) _____ boy of all.
- Sara is 13 years old. Ana is 5 years old. Sara is (old) _____ Ana.
- The weather is not good today - it's snowing. I hope the weather will be (good) _____ next week.