

## COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

Adjectives are used to describe nouns. To compare things, we use comparative and superlative adjectives. For comparatives, we usually add **-er** and for superlatives, we usually add **-est**.

ADJECTIVE FORM	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
<p>Only <b>one syllable</b>, ending in <b>-e</b>.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> wide, fine, cute</p>	<p><b><u>ADD -R</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wide &gt; Wider</li> <li>• Fine &gt; _____</li> <li>• Cute &gt; _____</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>ADD -ST</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wide &gt; Widest</li> <li>• Fine &gt; _____</li> <li>• Cute &gt; _____</li> </ul>
<p>Only <b>one syllable</b>, with <b>one vowel</b> and <b>one consonant</b> at the end.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> hot, big, fat</p>	<p><b><u>DOUBLE THE CONSONANT AND ADD -ER</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot &gt; Hotter</li> <li>• Big &gt; _____</li> <li>• Fat &gt; _____</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>DOUBLE THE CONSONANT AND ADD -EST</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot &gt; Hottest</li> <li>• Big &gt; _____</li> <li>• Fat &gt; _____</li> </ul>
<p>Only <b>one syllable</b>, with <b>more than one vowel</b>, or <b>more than one consonant</b> at the end. Or ending in <b>-W</b></p> <p><b>Examples:</b> light, neat, fast</p>	<p><b><u>ADD -ER</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light &gt; Lighter</li> <li>• Neat &gt; _____</li> <li>• Fast &gt; _____</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>ADD -EST</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light &gt; Lightest</li> <li>• Neat &gt; _____</li> <li>• Fast &gt; _____</li> </ul>
<p><b>Two syllables</b>, ending in <b>-y</b>.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> happy, silly, lonely</p>	<p><b><u>CHANGE -Y FOR -I, AND ADD -ER</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Happy &gt; Happier</li> <li>• Silly &gt; _____</li> <li>• Lonely &gt; _____</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>CHANGE -Y FOR -I, AND ADD -EST</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Happy &gt; Happiest</li> <li>• Silly &gt; _____</li> <li>• Lonely &gt; _____</li> </ul>
<p><b>Two syllables or more</b>, not ending in <b>-y</b>.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> modern, beautiful, interesting</p>	<p><b><u>USE 'MORE' BEFORE THE ADJECTIVE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beautiful &gt; <b>more</b> beautiful</li> <li>• Modern &gt; _____</li> <li>• Interesting &gt; _____</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>USE 'MOST' BEFORE THE ADJECTIVE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beautiful &gt; <b>most</b> beautiful</li> <li>• Modern &gt; _____</li> <li>• Interesting &gt; _____</li> </ul>
<p><b>Exceptions:</b> good, bad, fun</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good &gt; Better</li> <li>• Bad &gt; Worse</li> <li>• Fun &gt; More fun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good &gt; Best</li> <li>• Bad &gt; Worst</li> <li>• Fun &gt; Most fun</li> </ul>

## ACTIVITY

Write the comparative and superlative forms of these verbs.

**ADJECTIVE**

**COMPARATIVE**

**SUPERLATIVE**

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Cheap

Cheaper

Cheapest

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Pretty

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Easy

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Thin

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Chubby

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Tall

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Short

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Heavy

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Fast

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Old

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Hot

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Big

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Cold

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Small

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Slow

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Beautiful

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Fat

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Hard

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Young

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Dry

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Wet

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Delicious

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New

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