



Do you remember:

What is an
ADJECTIVE ?

It is a word that **describes** or
tells something about the
noun.



**KINDS OF DEGREES
COMPARISON OF
ADJECTIVE**

Positive degree
of comparison
of adjective

Comparative
degree of
comparison
of adjective

Superlative degree
of comparison
of adjective



ADJECTIVES : Positive Degree

The Positive Degree of an adjective is used to **discribe a single thing or person**. It simply describe the existence of a **quality**.



Rudi is **a tall** boy.

ADJECTIVES : Comparative Degree

The Comparative Degree of an adjective is used to compare two person or things with each other.



RONI



RUDI

Roni is taller than Rudi.

ADJECTIVES : Superlative Degree

The Superlative Degree of an adjective is used to compare more than two person or things with each other.

Robby is **the tallest** of the three boys.



RUDI



RONI



ROBBY

Degree of Comparison

1. Adjectives of one syllable

- Adjectives of one syllable add **-er** and **-est**.
- Adjectives ending on 'e' just add **-r** and **-st**.
- Some adjectives double the final consonant.

| Adjective | Comparative | Superlative |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| small | small er | smallest |
| warm | warm er | warmest |
| old | old er | oldest |
| nice | nice r | nicest |
| big | bigg er | biggest |



Degree of Comparison

2. Adjectives of two syllables

- Some adjectives of two syllables add **-er** and **-est**.
- For adjectives ending in 'y' – cut **y** then add **-ier** and **-iest**.
- Adjectives ending in **-ful**, **-less**, **-ing**, **-ed** use **more** and **most**.
- Some other adjectives of two syllables use **more** and **most** (modern, famous, normal, correct, ...).

| Adjective | Comparative | Superlative |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| narrow | narrow er | narrow est |
| happy | happ ier | happ iest |
| useful | more useful | most useful |
| boring | more boring | most boring |
| modern | more modern | most modern |



Degree of Comparison

3. Adjectives of three or more syllables

- Adjectives of three or more syllables use **more** and **most**.

| Adjective | Comparative | Superlative |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| beautiful | more beautiful | most beautiful |
| dangerous | more dangerous | most dangerous |
| exciting | more exciting | most exciting |

Degree of Comparison

4. Irregular adjectives

- You will have to memorize these.

| Adjective | Comparative | Superlative |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| good (well) | better | best |
| bad | worse | worst |
| little | less | least |
| much, many | more | most |
| far | farther, further | farthest |
| late | later | last, latest |
| old | older, elder | older, oldest |



Degree of Comparison

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Type
#3

Drop the silent 'e' then add +er or +est



large



larger



largest



fine



finer



finest



white



whiter



whitest



brave



braver



bravest



blue



bluer



bluest



tame



tamer



tamest

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Now: Comparison of Adjectives

Comparing **TWO** things.

Positive

Good

Small

Large

Fast

Old

Tall

Comparative

Better

Smaller

Larger

Faster

Older

Taller



More to the list

Positive

Comparative

Wide

Wider

Thin

Thinner

Fat

Fatter

Young

Younger

Sweet

Sweeter

Cold

Colder



Short words

ONE syllable or words ending with -y

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|--|---|
| Ends with -y Change "y" → "i" and add -er | Friendly - friendlier silly - sillier healthy - healthier |
| One syllable ending with 1 vowel and 1 consonant. Double the last consonant and add -er. | Big - bigger fit - fitter wet - wetter |
| One syllable Add -er | cheap - cheaper weak - weaker old - older |
| Irregular adjectives | good - better bad - worse far - further / farther |
| Ends with -y Change "y" → "i" and add -est | Healthy - the healthiest happy - the happiest |
| One syllable ending with 1 vowel and 1 consonant. Double the last consonant and add -est. | big - the biggest fit - the fittest |
| One syllable Add -est | long - the longest tall - the tallest |
| Irregular adjectives | good - the best bad - the worst far - the furthest / the farthest |

Comparative

Superlative

Long words

TWO or more syllables

Add MORE in front of the adjective

Exciting - more exciting
boring - more boring
dangerous - more dangerous

Add MOST in front of the adjective

exciting - the most exciting
boring - the most boring
dangerous - the most dangerous