



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 **describe 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 <b>er</b>	smallest
warm	warm <b>er</b>	warmest
old	old <b>er</b>	oldest
nice	nice <b>r</b>	nicest
big	bigg <b>er</b>	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 <b>er</b>	narrow <b>est</b>
happy	happ <b>ier</b>	happ <b>iest</b>
useful	<b>more</b> useful	<b>most</b> useful
boring	<b>more</b> boring	<b>most</b> boring
modern	<b>more</b> modern	<b>most</b> 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	<b>more</b> beautiful	<b>most</b> beautiful
dangerous	<b>more</b> dangerous	<b>most</b> dangerous
exciting	<b>more</b> exciting	<b>most</b> 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



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Type  
#3

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



large



larger



largest

tame



fine



finer



finest



tamer



white



whiter



whitest



tamest



brave



braver



bravest



blue



bluer



bluest

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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

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