

# Comparison of adjectives and adverbs



- **Comparatives** of adjectives are formed with **-er** or with **more**.
- **Superlatives** are formed with **-est** or with **most**.
- Comparatives and superlatives of **adverbs** are normally formed with **more** and **most**, though there are some exceptions.



Adjectives of **one syllable**: add  
**-er** and **-est**:

Strong stronger the strongest

Wise wiser the wisest

Dry drier the driest

Hot hotter the hottest



- People grow **older** and **wiser** every day.



## Some are irregular:

Bad worse the worst

Good better the best

Far further the furthest

Far farther the farthest

Little less the least

Much more the most

Many more the most





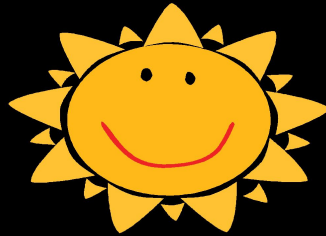
- ☐ Sunny weather is **better** than rainy weather.



- ☐ Stormy weather is definitely **the worst**.

Adjectives of **two or more syllables**  
take **more** and **most** except  
two-syllable adjectives which end in

**-y:**



Famous    **more** famous    the **most** famous  
Beautiful    **more** beautiful    the **most** beautiful  
Funny    **funnier**    the **funniest**



□ Jaan is a famous musician in his village.

□ Elvis Presley was one of the most famous rock musicians in the world.





The following **two-syllable** adjectives can take either **-er/-est** or **more/most**:

- Common, cruel, gentle, handsome, immature, mature, narrow, pleasant, polite, shallow, simple, stupid.



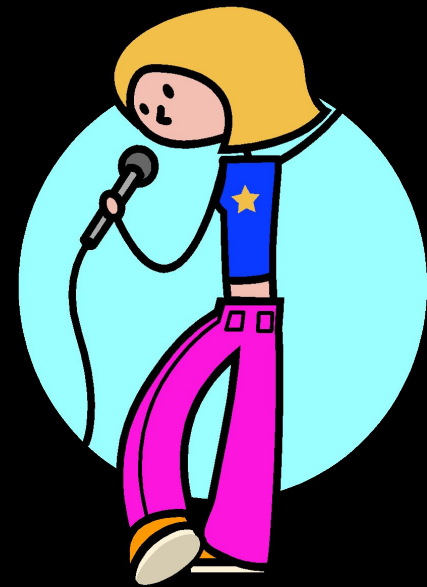
Stupid      stupider      the stupidest

Stupid      more stupid      the most stupid

Most adverbs take **more** and **most**:

Easily **more** easily **most** easily

Loudly **more** loudly **most** loudly



- I wake up **easily**, because my alarm clock rings **loudly**.

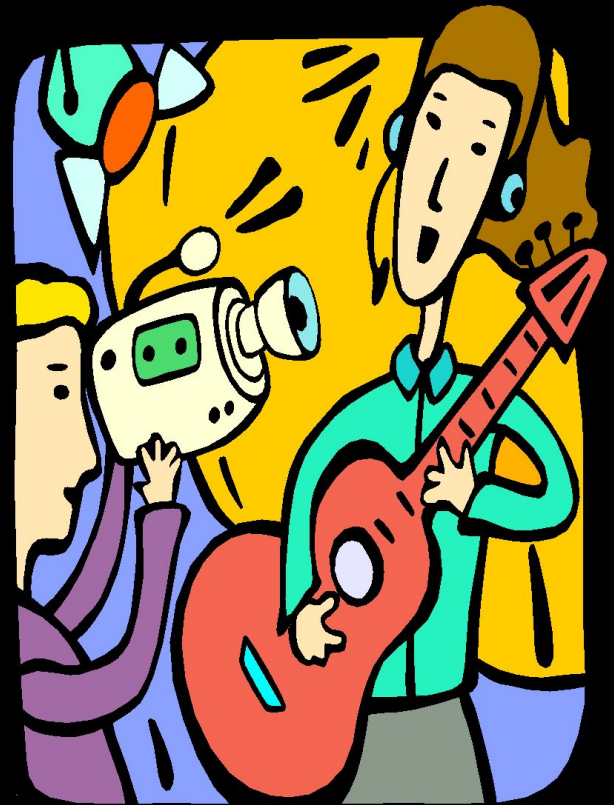


- My brother wakes up **more easily**, because his alarm clock rings **more loudly**.



Some are irregular:

Well      better      best  
Badly     worse     worst



**Adverbs** with the same form as adjectives form comparatives and superlatives in the same way as adjectives:

|       |         |          |
|-------|---------|----------|
| Fast  | faster  | fastest  |
| Early | earlier | earliest |
| Hard  | harder  | hardest  |



- The horse is running **fast**.



- The sheep is running **faster** than the horse.



- The dog is running **fastest**.



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