

## Pressurized irrigation systems

### Form

|                                | Adjective                        | Comparative                                     | Superlative                                                 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Regular</b><br>(1 syllable) | big<br>fast                      | bigger<br>faster                                | the biggest<br>the fastest                                  |
| (2 syllables ending in -y)     | busy<br>friendly                 | busier<br>friendlier                            | the busiest<br>the friendliest                              |
| (2 or more syllables)          | modern<br>difficult<br>important | more modern<br>more difficult<br>more important | the most modern<br>the most difficult<br>the most important |
| <b>Irregular</b>               | good<br>bad<br>far               | better<br>worse<br>further / farther            | the best<br>the worst<br>the furthest / farthest            |

For one-syllable adjectives with one short vowel and ending in one consonant, we double the consonant.

hot    hotter    the hottest    big    bigger    the biggest

### Use

We use the comparative to compare two things.

**Example** The Bristol Hotel is cheaper than the Hilton.

We use the superlative to compare one thing to two or more things.

**Example** Russia is the largest country in the world.

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**Complete the sentences with the adjective in brackets in the comparative or superlative form.**

1. Pressurized irrigation systems, like drip and sprinkler irrigation, are ..... (sustainable) than furrow irrigation systems.
2. Furrow irrigation is ..... (erosive) than pressurized systems.  
It is also the ..... (old) of all.
3. The micro-sprinkler irrigation system is the ..... (expensive) to install of all.
4. Pressurized irrigation systems are ..... (cheap) than furrow irrigation in terms of operating costs.
5. No single irrigation system is the ..... (good) for all vineyard situations; that's why there is such a range of systems still available.