

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

COMPARATIVES: WE USE THE COMPARATIVE TO COMPARE TWO PEOPLE, THINGS OR ANIMALS.

WHEN THE ADJECTIVE HAS ONE OR TWO SYLLABLES WE ADD **ER** TO THE ADJECTIVE AND WE WRITE **THAN** AFTER THE ADJECTIVE.

EXAMPLE: SAM IS **TALLER THAN TOM.**

WHEN THE ADJECTIVE HAS MORE THAN THREE SYLLABLES WE WRITE **MORE** BEFORE THE ADJECTIVE AND **THAN** AFTER IT.

EXAMPLE: MATHS IS **MORE DIFFICULT THAN LANGUAGE.**

SUPERLATIVES: WE USE THE SUPERLATIVE TO COMPARE MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE, THINGS OR ANIMALS.

WHEN THE ADJECTIVE HAS ONE OR TWO SYLLABLES WE ADD **EST** TO THE ADJECTIVE AND WE WRITE **THE** BEFORE THE ADJECTIVE.

EXAMPLE: SAM IS **THE TALLEST BOY IN THE CLASSROOM**

WHEN THE ADJECTIVE HAS MORE THAN THREE SYLLABLES WE WRITE **THE MOST** BEFORE THE ADJECTIVE.

EXAMPLE: MATHS IS **THE MOST DIFFICULT SUBJECT OF ALL.**

SPELLING: THE ADJECTIVES THAT END IN VOWEL + CONSONANT WE DOUBLE THE CONSONANT.

EXAMPLE: **BIG- BIGGER** **FAT-FATTER.**

THE ADJECTIVES THAT END IN CONSONANT +Y WE ADD -IER

EXAMPLE: **HEAVY-HEAVIER** **EASY-EASIER.**

EXCEPTIONS: THERE ARE ADJECTIVES THAT CHANGE WHEN COMPARING

EXAMPLE: **GOOD** → **BETTER** → **THE BEST**
BAD → **WORSE** → **THE WORSE**
FAR → **FARTHER/FURTHER** → **THE FARTHEST/FURTHEST**

COMPLETE THE CHART

adjectives	comparatives	superlatives
FAT		
THIN		
GOOD		
BAD		
EXPENSIVE		
DIFFICULT		
HEAVY		
NOISY		