

Comparatives and superlatives of adjectives rulers

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One-Syllable Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
tall		
old		
long	l	

- Mary is _____ *than* Max.
- Mary is _____ *of* all the students.
- Max is _____ *than* John.
- *Of* the three students, Max is _____
- My hair is _____ *than* your hair.
- Max's story is _____ *story I've ever heard.*

If the one-syllable adjective ends with an e, just add –r for the comparative form and –st for the superlative form.

One-Syllable Adjective with Final -e	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
large		
wise		

- Mary's car is _____ *than* Max's car.
- Mary's house is _____ *of* all the houses on the block.
- Max is _____ *than* his brother.
- Max is _____ *person I know.*

If the one-syllable adjective ends with a single consonant with a vowel before it, double the consonant and add –er for the comparative form; and double the consonant and add –est for the superlative form.

One-Syllable Adjective Ending with a Single Consonant with a Single Vowel before It	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
big		
thin		
fat		

- My dog is _____ *than* your dog.
- My dog is _____ *of* all the dogs in the neighborhood.
- Max is _____ *than* John.
- Of* all the students in the class, Max is _____.
- My mother is _____ *than* your mother.
- Mary is _____ *person I've ever seen.*

Two-syllable adjectives.

With most two-syllable adjectives, you form the comparative with more and the superlative with most.

Two-Syllable Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
peaceful		
pleasant		

Two-Syllable Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
careful		
thoughtful		

- This morning is _____ *than* yesterday morning.
- Max's house in the mountains is _____ *in* the world.
- Max is _____ *than* Mike.
- *Of* all the taxi drivers, Jack is _____.
- Jill is _____ *than* your sister.
- Mary is _____ person *I've ever met*.

If the two-syllable adjectives ends with *-y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-er* for the comparative form. For the superlative form change the *y* to *i* and add *-est*.

Two-Syllable Adjective Ending with <i>-y</i>	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
happy		
angry		
busy		

- John is _____ today *than* he was yesterday.
- John is _____ boy *in* the world.
- Max is _____ *than* Mary.
- *Of* all of John's victims, Max is _____.
- Mary is _____ *than* Max.
- Mary is _____ person *I've ever met*.

Two-syllable adjectives ending in *-er*, *-le*, or *-ow* take *-er* and *-est* to form the comparative and superlative forms.

Two-Syllable Adjective Ending with -er, -le, or -ow	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
narrow		
gentle		

- The roads in this town are _____ *than* the roads in the city.
- This road is the _____ *of* all the roads in California.
- Big dogs are _____ *than* small dogs.
- Of* all the dogs in the world, English Mastiffs are _____

Adjectives with three or more syllables.

For adjectives with three syllables or more, you form the comparative with more and the superlative with most.

Adjective with Three or More Syllables	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
generous		
important		
intelligent	more intelligent	most intelligent

- John is _____ *than* Jack.
- John is _____ *of* all the people I know.
- Health is _____ *than* money.
- Of* all the people I know, Max is _____.
- Women are _____ *than* men.
- Mary is _____ person I've ever met.

Exceptions.

Irregular adjectives.

Irregular Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
far	farther	farthest
little	less	least
many	more	most

- Italian food is _____ *than* American food.
- My dog is _____ dog *in* the world.
- My mother's cooking is _____ *than* your mother's cooking.
- *Of* all the students in the class, Max is _____