

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES : ARE ADJECTIVES OR ADVERBS WHICH EXPRESS MORE.

i.e. fast faster than the fastest.

Some important rules to remember !

□ Short vowel – double the last letter.

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| e.g. | fat | fatter than | the fattest |
|      | wet | wetter than | the wettest |

□ Two vowels or two consonants together – the last letter is not doubled.

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| e.g. | clear | clearer than | the clearest |
|      | dark  | darker than  | the darkest  |

□ Words that end with a y – drop the y and change it to ie.

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| e.g. | sticky | stickier than the stickiest |
|      | ugly   | uglier than the ugliest     |

□ Words that end with an e – drop the e and add -er and -est.

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| e.g. | wise  | wiser than  | the wisest  |
|      | white | whiter than | the whitest |

□ Words that can be broken up into more than two syllables – use more and most.

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| e.g. | hor/ri/ble  | more horrible than  | the most horrible  |
|      | fan/tas/tic | more fantastic than | the most fantastic |

□ Words that end with ful - use more and most.

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| e.g. | delightful | more delightful than | the most delightful |
|      | careful    | more careful than    | the most careful    |

**Comparatives** are used to compare two people or things.

**Superlatives** are used for comparing one person or thing with every other member of their group.

**Fill in the blanks with comparatives and superlatives using the adjectives in the ()**

1. Fred's kitchen is \_\_\_\_\_ (CLEAN) than mine.
2. Our morning meeting was \_\_\_\_\_ (SHORT) than yesterday's meeting.
3. January is usually \_\_\_\_\_ (COLD) month.
4. Life was \_\_\_\_\_ (EASY) before the pandemic than during it.
5. This is \_\_\_\_\_ (COMFORTABLE) chair in our house.
6. Oranges are \_\_\_\_\_ (SWEET) than lemons.
7. The Earth is \_\_\_\_\_ (SMALL) than the Sun.
8. Sam has \_\_\_\_\_ (CUTE) baby girl.
9. Jack's parents are much \_\_\_\_\_ (STRICT) than Kate's parents.
10. What's your \_\_\_\_\_ (DARK) secret?
11. Kim is my \_\_\_\_\_ (SMART) friend, she's the best.