

Adjectives That Compare

RULES

Adjectives can be used to compare two or more things.

- Add **-er** to most adjectives to compare two people, places, or things.

A chimpanzee is smarter than a gorilla.

- Add **-est** to most adjectives to compare more than two people, places, or things.

The chimpanzee is the smartest animal in the jungle.



Adjectives that compare are used to tell how things are alike and different.

Golden lion tamarins are one of the smallest monkeys. They are often mistaken for squirrels because of their size. Golden lion tamarins have rounder faces than squirrels. Their tails are longer than a squirrel's tail.

Guided Practice



Name the adjective that compares in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: That is the fastest monkey I have ever seen! fastest

1. Monkeys swing from the tallest trees in the forest.
2. The orangutan has longer fur than the chimpanzee.
3. A spider monkey is lighter than a gorilla.
4. The baboon sat on the highest branch in the tree.
5. A gorilla is one of the strongest animals on Earth.

A. Write each sentence. Write the adjective that compares.

6. A monkey's tail is longer than its body. _____
7. Most monkeys will pick the sweetest bananas on a tree. _____
8. The chimpanzee made the loudest noise in the zoo. _____
9. The spider monkey is smaller than the gorilla. _____
10. The chimpanzee has shorter arms than the gorilla. _____

B. Write each sentence. Use the correct form of the adjective in parentheses ().

11. That monkey has the _____ eyes I have seen. (bright)
12. Which monkey has the _____ fur of all? (soft)
13. The little monkey was the _____ one in the cage. (mean)
14. A coconut is _____ than a peanut. (hard)
15. A pet cat is much _____ than a pet monkey. (neat)