

Comparative and superlative adjectives

Remember!

Comparatives: Short adjectives

Superlatives: Short adjectives

Short adjectives ...	Spelling rules	Examples
Usually	+ er	slow → slower fast → faster tall → taller
Ending in -e	+ r	large → larger nice → nicer
Some two-syllable adjectives, especially ending in -y	-y → -i + er	hungry → hungrier happy → happier funny → funnier
Ending in a vowel + a consonant	double the consonant + er	big → bigger fat → fatter fit → fitter

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Usually	+ est	slow → the slowest fast → the fastest tall → the tallest
Ending in -e	+ st	large → the largest nice → the nicest
Ending in a consonant + y	-y → -i + est	hungry → the hungriest happy → the happiest funny → the funniest
Ending in a vowel + a consonant	double the consonant + est	big → the biggest fat → the fattest fit → the fittest

Write:

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
		the fastest
	bigger	
tall		
	shorter	
		the dirtiest
busy	slower	
	quieter	
		the oldest
young		

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