

# Forming Degrees of Adjectives

## Adjectives degrees

- **Positive** is used to describe something.  
–The car is **big**.
- **Comparative** is used to compare that one thing is more \_\_\_ than something else.  
–The red car is **bigger** than the yellow car.
- **Superlative** is used to say that something is the most \_\_\_ or very \_\_\_\_.  
–The green car is the **biggest**.

**SNAKES AND LADDERS DEGREES OF COMPARISON**



Only one syllable, ending in -e. e.g. wide  
Comparative: add -r wider  
Superlative: add -st widest

Two syllables, ending in -y. e.g. happy  
Comparative: change -y to -i then add -er happier  
Superlative: change -y to -i then add -est happiest

Two syllables or more not ending in -y. e.g. beautiful  
Comparative: use **more** before adjective: **more** beautiful  
Superlative: use **most** before adjective: **most** beautiful

Only one syllable, with more than one vowel or more than one consonant e.g. fast  
Comparative: add -er faster  
Superlative: add -st fastest

Only one syllable, with one vowel and one consonant at the end. E.g. big  
Comparative: double the consonant and add -er **bigger**  
Superlative: double the consonant and add -est **biggest**

To form a sentence using the superlative degree of adjectives use **the** before the adjective or before **most** e.g. My house is **the** biggest of all.

To form a sentence using the comparative degree of adjectives use **than** e.g. My house is bigger **than** yours.

**Remember** that some adjectives do **NOT** form their degrees of comparison according to the rules given above.

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Write the comparative and superlative form of the given adjective.

1. smart

Comparative

Superlative

2. cold

Comparative

Superlative

3. soft

Comparative

Superlative

4. long

Comparative

Superlative

5. fresh

Comparative

Superlative

6. calm

Comparative

Superlative

7. hard

Comparative

Superlative

8. old

Comparative

Superlative

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9. thin

Comparative

Superlative

10. bright

Comparative

Superlative

11. famous

Comparative

Superlative

12. quick

Comparative

Superlative

13. dark

Comparative

Superlative

14. short

Comparative

Superlative

15. perfect

comparative

superlative

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Good	Better	Best
Bad	Worse	Worst
Old	Older	Oldest
Many/Much	More	Most
Little	Less	Least