

COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES - RULES

We usually add **-ER** and **-EST** to one-syllable words to make comparatives and superlatives:

old older oldest
long longer longest

If an adjective ends in **-e**, we add **-r** or **-st**:

nice nicer the nicest
large larger the largest

If an adjective ends in a vowel and a consonant, we **DOUBLE** the consonant:

big bigger the biggest
fat fatter the fattest

If an adjective ends in a consonant and **-Y**, we change **-y** to **-i** and add **-er** or **-est**:

happy happier happiest
silly sillier silliest

MORE, THE MOST for two syllable adjectives and for all adjectives with three or more syllables:

careful more careful the most careful
interesting more interesting the most interesting

IRREGULAR comparatives and superlatives:

good better the best
bad worse the worst
far farther/further the farthest/furthest