

Spelling Adjectives That Compare

REMEMBER THE RULES

- Change a final *y* to *i* before adding **-er** or **-est**.

*Which state is the **rainiest** of all the states?*

- Drop a final *e* before adding **-er** or **-est**.

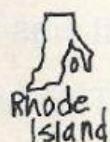
*Is Nevada or Utah **closer** to Mexico?*

- Double the final consonant after a single vowel before adding **-er** or **-est**.

*Which state is the **hottest** state of all?*

A. Write the adjective on the line.

1. Rhode Island is the smallest of all the states.



2. Alaska is the biggest of all the states.

3. North Carolina is hillier than Nebraska.

4. Oregon is rainier than New Mexico.

5. Hawaii may have the prettiest beaches of all.

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

6. Alaska is the (wide) of the states.



7. Utah is (close) than Nebraska is to the Pacific Ocean.



8. Iowa may be the (flat) of all the states.

9. New Mexico is probably the (square) of all the states.



10. Nevada is probably the (sandy) state of all.