

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES :ARE ADJECTIVES OR ADVERBS WHICH EXPRESS MORE.

i.e. fast faster than the fastest.

Some important rules to remember !

□ Short vowel – double the last letter.

e.g. fat fatter than the fattest
wet wetter than the wettest

Comparatives are used to compare two people or things.

□ Two vowels or two consonants together – the last letter is not doubled.

e.g. clear clearer than the clearest
dark darker than the darkest

□ Words that end with a y – drop the y and change it to ie.

e.g. sticky stickier than the stickiest
ugly uglier than the ugliest

Superlatives are used for comparing one person or thing with every other member of their group.

□ Words that end with an e –drop the e and add –er and –est.

e.g. wise wiser than the wisest
white whiter than the whitest

□ Words that can be broken up into more than two syllables – use more and most.

e.g. hor/ri/ble more horrible than the most horrible
fan/tas/tic more fantastic than the most fantastic

□ Words that end with ful - use more and most.

e.g. delightful more delightful than the most delightful
careful more careful than the most careful

Fill in the blanks with comparatives and superlatives using the adjectives in the ()

1. Fred's kitchen is _____ (CLEAN) than mine.
2. Our morning meeting was _____ (SHORT) than yesterday's meeting.
3. January is usually _____ (COLD) month.
4. Life was _____ (EASY) before the pandemic than during it.
5. This is _____ (COMFORTABLE) chair in our house.
6. Oranges are _____ (SWEET) than lemons.
7. The Earth is _____ (SMALL) than the Sun.
8. Sam has _____ (CUTE) baby girl.
9. Jack's parents are much _____ (STRICT) than Kate's parents.
10. What's your _____ (DARK) secret?
11. Kim is my _____ (SMART) friend, she's the best.