

1 Read the grammar box and complete the examples with these words.

best bigger cheapest easiest more interesting
slimmest smaller worse

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making comparisons

A comparatives

- Add *-er* for most short adjectives: *taller*,¹
- Double the final consonant for some short adjectives: *hotter*,²
- Change the final *-y* to *-i*: *happier*, *crazier*.
- Use *more/less* before long adjectives:
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- irregular comparatives: *better*,
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B superlatives

- Add *-est* for most short adjectives: *the*⁵
- Double the final consonant for some short adjectives: *the biggest*,
*the*⁶
- Change the final *-y* to *-i*: *the friendliest*,
*the*⁷
- Use *most/least* before long adjectives: *the most popular*.
- irregular superlatives: *the*⁸, *the worst*

GRAMMAR

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

C (not) as ... as, too/ enough

- Use *as ... as* to say two things or people are the same in some way. The negative is *not as ... as*.
Are you as confident as your friends?
- Use *too + adjective* to mean 'more/less than necessary'.
Are high street clothes too expensive?
- Use *adjective + enough* to mean 'the right amount'.
He wants all teens to be confident enough to enjoy clothes.
- Use *not + adjective + enough* to mean 'not the right amount'.
Most of us aren't adventurous enough to have blue hair.