

## 3<sup>rd</sup> GRAMMAR UNIT 9

## comparative / superlative

### Comparative adjective + than

We use comparative adjectives + *than* to compare things or people.

| Adjective | Comparative adjective + than |                                                                                     |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| small     | smaller than                 | We add <i>er</i> to adjectives that have one syllable.                              |
| big       | bigger than                  | We add one more consonant + <i>er</i> when adjectives end in a vowel + a consonant. |
| beautiful | more beautiful than          | We add <i>more</i> + adjective when the adjective has two or more syllables.        |

### *the* + superlative adjective

We use *the* + superlative adjectives to say which is the biggest, the smallest, etc in a group.

| Adjective | <i>the</i> + superlative adjective |                                                                                                                |
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| cheap     | <b>the</b> cheapest                | We add <b><i>est</i></b> to adjectives that have one syllable.                                                 |
| big       | <b>the</b> biggest                 | We add <b>one more consonant + est</b> when adjectives end in a vowel + a consonant.                           |
| friendly  | <b>the</b> friendliest             | We change the <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> and <b><i>i + est</i></b> when the adjective ends in consonant + <i>y</i> . |
| expensive | <b>the most</b> expensive          | We add <b>the most + the adjective</b> when the adjective has two or more syllables.                           |