

3rd GRAMMAR UNIT 9

comparative / superlative

Comparative adjective + *than*

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

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