Comparative And Superlative Rules

- With regular one syllable adjectives, to make the comparative form we simply add **-er**, and to make the superlative form we add **-est**.

For example, *fast – fast**er** – fast**est***.

- With one and two syllable adjectives that end in **-y**, it is slightly different. To make the comparative form the **y** is dropped and **-ier** is added. To make the superlative form, the **y** is dropped and **-iest** is added.

For example, *happy – happ**ier** – happ**iest***.

- With adjectives that end with a single vowel followed by a single consonant, then the consonant is doubled and **-er** / **-est** is added.

For example, *big – big**ger** – big**gest***.

- With 2 syllable adjectives that don't end in **-y**, and all 3 or more syllable adjectives, we add **more** to make the comparative form, and **most** to make the superlative form.

For example, *beautiful – **more** beautiful – **the most** beautiful*.

It is important to note that there are irregular adjectives that do not follow these rules and so students need to memorize the comparative and superlative forms of irregular adjectives.

Below you will find a list of common regular comparative and superlative adjectives followed by a list of irregular adjectives.

Comparative And Superlative List

Regular Adjectives

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
angry	angrier	angriest
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
big	bigger	biggest
boring	more boring	most boring
cheap	cheaper	cheapest
clean	cleaner	cleanest
clever	cleverer	cleverest
close	closer	closest
cold	colder	coldest
cool	cooler	coolest
crazy	crazier	craziest
crispy	crispier	crispiest
cute	cuter	cutest
dark	darker	darkest
deep	deeper	deepest
dirty	dirtier	dirtiest
dry	drier	driest
early	earlier	earliest
easy	easier	easiest
expensive	more expensive	most expensive
fast	faster	fastest
fat	fatter	fattest
few	fewer	fewest
fit	fitter	fittest
flat	flatter	flattest
fresh	fresher	freshest
funny	funnier	funniest
great	greater	greatest
hairy	hairier	hairiest
happy	happier	happiest
healthy	healthier	healthiest
heavy	heavier	heaviest
high	higher	highest
hot	hotter	hottest
hungry	hungrier	hungriest
interesting	more interesting	most interesting
kind	kinder	kindest
large	larger	largest
late	later	latest
light	lighter	lightest
little	littler	littlest
long	longer	longest
loud	louder	loudest
low	lower	lowest
modern	more modern	most modern
near	nearer	nearest
new	newer	newest
nice	nicer	nicest
old	older	oldest
poor	poorer	poorest
popular	more popular	most popular
quick	quicker	quickest
rich	richer	richest
sad	sadder	saddest
salty	saltier	saltiest
scary	scarier	scariest
short	shorter	shortest
skinny	skinnier	skinniest
slow	slower	slowest
small	smaller	smallest
smart	smarter	smartest
soft	softer	softest
strong	stronger	strongest
tall	taller	tallest
thick	thicker	thickest
tired	more tired	most tired
ugly	uglier	ugliest
warm	warmer	warmest
weak	weaker	weakest
wet	wetter	wettest
wide	wider	widest
young	younger	youngest

Irregular Adjectives

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
much	more	most
far	further	furthest
less	lesser	least
many	more	most
well	better	best

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