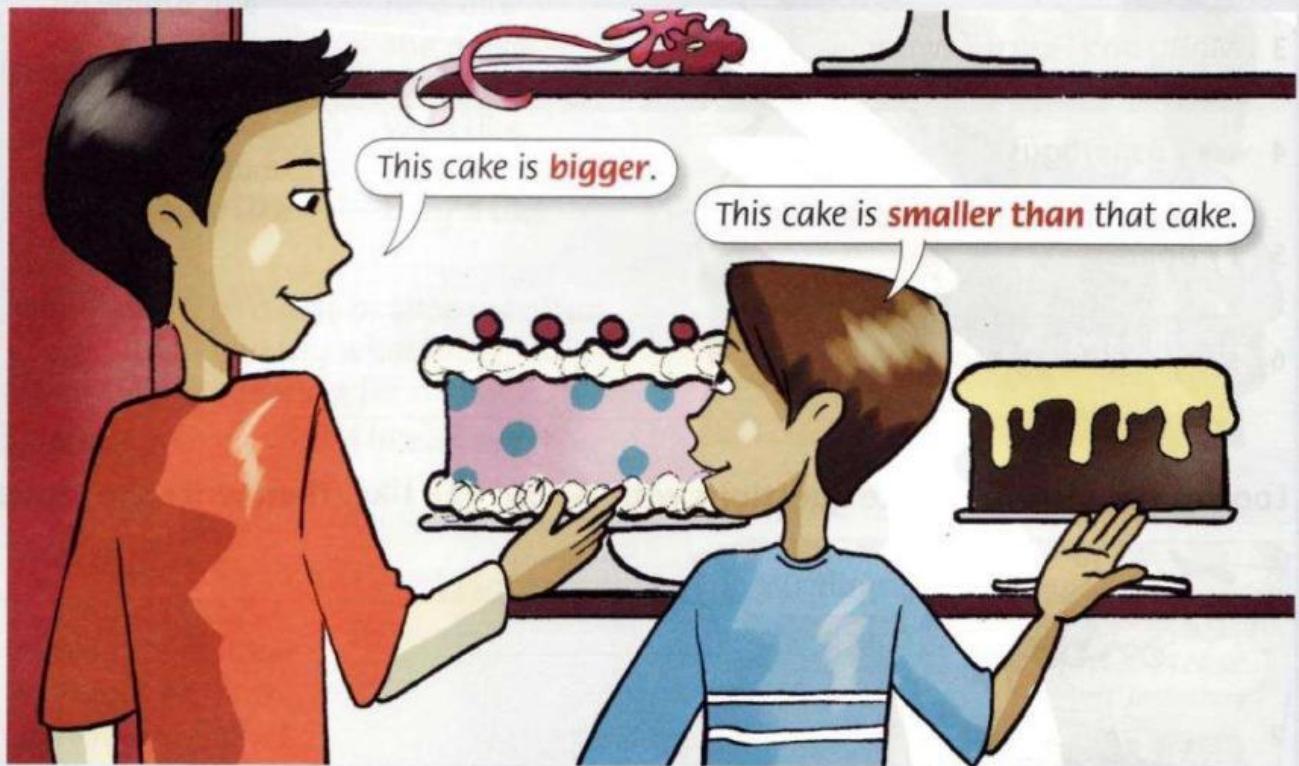


9 Comparisons

Comparative and superlative adjectives

Comparative adjectives



Generally, we add **-er** to the end of short adjectives to form the comparative.



Adjective

long
small
high

Comparative

longer
smaller
higher

Adjective

short
deep
slow

Comparative

shorter
deeper
slower

Look at these other rules:

Adjective ending	Example	Add	Comparative adjective
-e	wide	+ -r	wider
consonant + vowel + consonant	big	double the final consonant + -er	bigger

When we want to directly compare two things, places or people, we use **than**.

Cairo is bigger than London. Charlie is taller than Harry.

1 Add **r**, **er**, or **er** to the words to make comparative adjectives.

1 long longer
3 young
5 deep
7 big

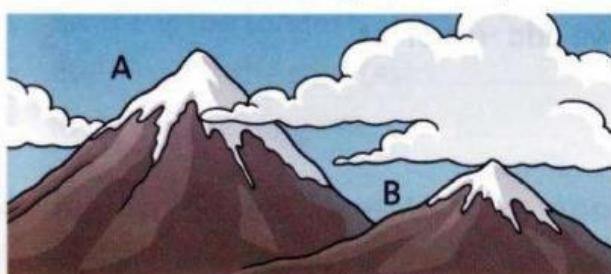
2 short
4 wide
6 high
8 loud

2 Write the comparative adjectives.

1 small smaller
3 loud
5 quiet
7 slow
9 fast
11 old

2 tall
4 long
6 big
8 high
10 short
12 young

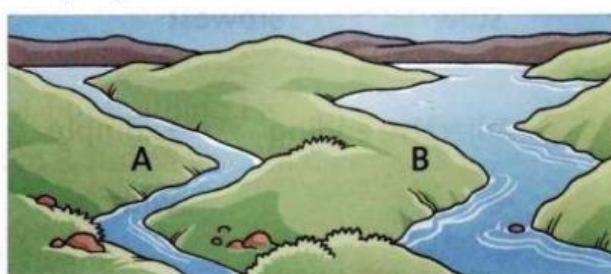
3 Write sentences, using the comparative adjective of the word in brackets.



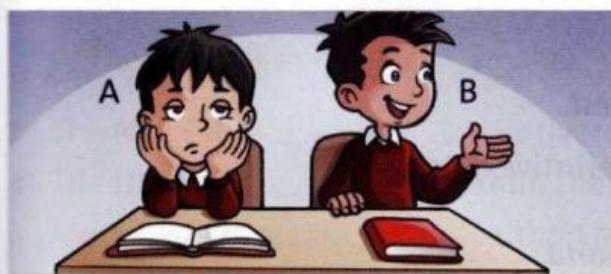
1 (high) A is higher than B.



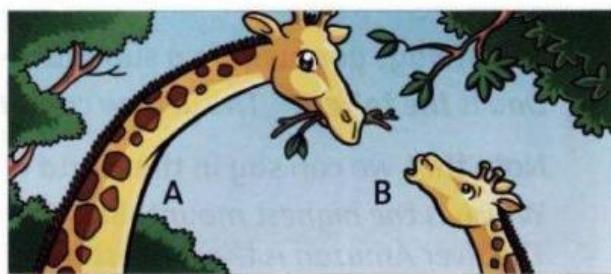
2 (old)



3 (big)



4 (wide)



5 (quiet)

6 (tall)

Superlative adjectives



To form the superlative of short adjectives, we add **-est** or **-st**.

Adjective	Comparative
long	longest
small	smallest
high	highest
short	shortest
deep	deepest
slow	slowest

Adjective ending	Example	Add	Comparative adjective
-e	wide	+ -st	widest
consonant + vowel + consonant	big	double the final consonant + -est	biggest



The always goes before a superlative.

*Dad is **the tallest**. The yellow car is **the fastest**.*

Note that we can say **in the world** with superlative adjectives.

*Which is **the highest mountain in the world**?*

*The river Amazon is **the longest river in the world**.*

4 Write the superlative adjectives.

1 small	<u>the smallest</u>	2 tall	_____
3 loud	_____	4 long	_____
5 quiet	_____	6 big	_____
7 slow	_____	8 high	_____
9 fast	_____	10 short	_____
11 old	_____	12 young	_____

5 Look at the table. True or false? Write T or F.

High	Long	Tall
Mountain A 2000 m	River D 400 km	Building G 150 m
Mountain B 1000 m	River E 175 km	Building H 300 m
Mountain C 3000 m	River F 500 km	Building I 75 m

1 River E is the longest. F 2 Mountain A is the highest. _____
3 Building I is the smallest. _____ 4 Mountain C is the smallest. _____
5 River F is the longest. _____ 6 Building H is the tallest. _____

6 Complete the sentences. Use a comparative or superlative form, and add than if necessary.

1 Mountain A is higher than Mountain B, but Mountain C is the highest.
2 River D is _____ River E, but River F is _____.
3 Building G is _____ Building H, but Building I is _____.
4 Mountain A is _____ Mountain B, but Mountain C is _____.
5 River D is _____ River F, but River E is _____.

7 Complete the sentences using a word from the box.

younger bigger oldest smaller longest

1 The Nile is the longest river in Egypt.
2 The USA is _____ than the UK.
3 Mount Fuji is _____ than Mount Everest.
4 My baby sister is _____ than my Grandma.
5 The _____ man in the world is 113.