

Spelling

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The spelling rules for superlative and comparative adjectives are the same.

- **One-syllable adjectives:**
 - mostly add *-est*.
small → *smallest*, *cheap* → *cheapest*
 - One-syllable adjectives ending in *-e*, add *-st*.
nice → *nicest*, *late* → *latest*
 - One-syllable adjectives ending in consonant + vowel + consonant (except *w*, *x* or *y*), double the consonant and add *-est*.
big → *biggest*, *fat* → *fattest*
- **Two-syllable adjectives** ending in consonant + *-y* change the *-y* to *-i* and add *-est*.
busy → *busiest*, *happy* → *happiest*
- **Adjectives of two or more syllables** add *most*.
expensive → *most expensive*

1 Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives.

0 slow *slower, the slowest*

1 near _____

2 large _____

3 thin _____

4 friendly _____

5 happy _____

6 beautiful _____

7 good _____

8 bad _____

9 far _____

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I think history is *more* / *the most* interesting than science.
- 2 Travelling by plane is *faster* / *the fastest* than travelling by bus.
- 3 Oranges are *healthier* / *the healthiest* food in the cupboard.
- 4 Jonny bought *better* / *the best* smartphone in the shop.
- 5 A printer is *more* / *the most* expensive than a mouse.
- 6 The Torre de Cristal is *taller* / *the tallest* building in Spain.

2 Read the rules above and complete the table with comparatives and superlatives.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Regular		
big	<i>bigger</i>	<i>the biggest</i>
famous	<i>more famous</i>	<i>the most famous</i>
early	_____	_____
thin	_____	_____
beautiful	_____	_____
young	_____	_____
Irregular		
good	_____	_____
bad	_____	_____

Short adjectives			
one syllable	one syllable ending in e	two syllables ending in y	one syllable ending in vowel consonant
add <i>-er</i>	add <i>-r</i>	change y to <i>-ier</i>	double the last letter and add <i>-er</i>
short - shorter	nice - nicer	healthy - healthier	big - bigger
Long adjectives			
use <i>more</i> + adjective			
expensive - <i>more expensive</i>			
Short adjectives			
one syllable	one syllable ending in e	two syllables ending in y	one syllable ending in vowel consonant
add <i>-est</i>	add <i>-st</i>	change y to <i>-iest</i>	double the last letter and add <i>-est</i>
quiet - quietest	nice - nicest	dirty - dirtiest	big - biggest
Long adjectives			
use <i>the most</i>			
use <i>the most</i> + adjective			
expensive - <i>the most expensive</i>			

3 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Nicky is the *more friendly* / *friendliest* person in my class.
- 2 Rome is one of the *oldest* / *older* cities in the world.
- 3 That laptop is the *more* / *most* expensive in the shop.
- 4 Madrid is *higher* / *highest* than other capital cities in Europe.
- 5 My maths teacher is the *most good* / *best* in the school.
- 6 I think Paris is *more* / *most* beautiful than London.

4 Reorder the words to complete the sentences.

- 1 His blog *is the most popular website in my country.*
country / the / website / most / popular / is / in / my
- 2 When the internet is slow,
.....
the / thing / is / videos / watch / you / worst / can't
- 3 My dad's computer screen
.....
than / is / bedroom / bigger / the / TV / my / in
- 4 I think computer
.....
interesting / games / e-readers / than / are / more / are
- 5 My grandparents use
.....
the / mobile / the / phones / oldest / in / world

5 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.



1 It was the great holiday ever.

2 You should go to the MetroCentre because it's the big shopping centre in the UK.

3 You can wear your older clothes for this job.

4 The easier subject at school is PE.

5 The most expensive cost £900 and the cheaper cost £400.

- 7 Write true sentences with superlatives. Use the ideas below or your own ideas.

The most famous person in my country is the president.

easy
famous
good
old
popular

school subject
person in my country
computer game I play
show on TV
place in my country

Compare your answers with a partner.

- 1** Complete the sentences with the short adjectives in the box in their superlative form.

big early fast quiet ~~small~~ tall

- 1 E-readers are usually the smallest books.
- 2 My brother is the person in my family. Everybody else is shorter!
- 3 My mum and I get up at 8 am but my dad gets up the, at 7 am.
- 4 Who's the runner in the world?
- 5 The city in Spain is Madrid. The others are smaller.
- 6 Sunday is the day of the week for me. I just relax.

2 Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the long adjectives in the box.

beautiful	difficult	exciting	expensive
famous	modern	popular	

- 1 Who is the *most famous* singer in the world?
- 2 The person in my family is my baby sister. She is lovely and pretty!
- 3 I think maths is the subject in school. I never pass my maths exams.
- 4 The smartphone in the world is mine. It cost lots and lots of money!
- 5 Some of the buildings in the world are in the Middle East. They are very new.
- 6 I think the music in the world is probably pop music. Everybody listens to it.