Comparatives and Superlatives

Let's compare!

Comparatives

We compare **TWO** things.



My cat is **bigger** than yours.

How to form them?

1. Short adjectives (1 syllable)	add -ER	tall → **taller**
2. Ending in -E	add -R	nice → **nicer**
3. CVC (consonant + vowel + consonant)	double the last letter + ER	big → **bigger**
4. Ending in -Y	change Y to I + ER	happy → **happier**
5. Long adjectives (2 or more syllables)	MORE + adjective	beautiful → more beautiful

Superlatives

We find the **highest** or **lowest** in a group (of 3 or more).



She is **the tallest** girl in the class.

How to form them?

1. Short adjectives (1 syllable)	add -EST	tall → the **tallest**
2. Ending in -E	add -ST	nice → the **nicest**
3. CVC (consonant + vowel + consonant)	double the last letter + EST	big → the **biggest**
4. Ending in -Y	change Y to I + EST	happy → the **happiest**
5. Long adjectives (2 or more syllables)	THE MOST + adjective	beautiful → the most beautiful

Exceptions: Two Forms!

Some adjectives can use both -ER/-EST and MORE/THE MOST.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Clever	cleverer / more clever	the cleverest / the most clever
Friendly	friendlier / more friendly	the friendliest / the most friendly
Quiet	quieter / more quiet	the quietest / the most quiet

Other Important Adjectives (usually use MORE)

- Modern → more modern
- Famous → more famous
- Careful → more careful
- Expensive → more expensive
- Difficult → more difficult

Irregular Adjectives

They don't follow the rules!

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Good	better	the best
Bad	worse	the worst
Far	farther / further	the farthest / the furthest
Little	less	the least
Much / Many	more	the most

Remember!

- Use **THAN** for comparatives.
- Use **THE** for superlatives.
- Check the number of syllables!

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