

COMPARATIVE VS. SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives are used to compare people and things.

	COMPARATIVES	SUPERLATIVES
	Use to compare TWO people or things.	Use to compare THREE OR MORE people or things.
SHORT ADJECTIVES	Use <u>adjective + -er + than</u> <i>smarter than</i>	Use <u>the + adjective + -est</u> <i>the smartest</i>
LONG ADJECTIVES	Use <u>more + adjective + than</u> <i>more beautiful than</i>	Use <u>the most + adjective</u> <i>the most beautiful</i>
IRREGULARS good bad far	better worse farther	best worst farthest

PRACTICE

Instructions: Identify the underlined words as comparatives or superlatives.

1. You are the **smartest** student in this class. comparative superlative
2. She works harder than I do. comparative superlative
3. This practice is more difficult than the first practice. comparative superlative
4. Tom's car is the most expensive car on the street. comparative superlative
5. You speak English better than I do. comparative superlative
6. Her children are friendlier than my children. comparative superlative
7. My friends are the best in the whole world. comparative superlative
8. Carrots are tastier than onions. comparative superlative
9. Sara is the youngest child in her class. comparative superlative
10. Winco has the cheapest groceries in Portland. comparative superlative
11. Sam lives closer than Rita to the school. comparative superlative
12. My dog is louder than my cat. comparative superlative

SPELLING RULES	COMPARATIVES	SUPERLATIVES
Adjective ends in -e	Add -r nice > nicer	Add -st nice > nicest
Adjective is short, ends in a vowel and a consonant	Double the last letter and add -er big > bigger	Double the last letter and add -est big > biggest
Adjective ends in -y	Change the -y to -i and add -er happy > happier	Change the -y to -i and add -est happy > happiest

SPELLING PRACTICE

Instructions: Change the following adjectives to comparative and superlative adjectives. Remember to use **THAN** after comparatives and **THE** before superlatives.

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
difficult	more difficult than	the most difficult
slow		
happy		
tired		
friendly		
bad		
smart		
kind		
patient		
big		
easy		
good		
intelligent		
sad		