

# SUPERLATIVES AND COMPARATIVES

## Grammar

### • COMPARATIVE

Comparatives adjectives are used to compare differences between the two objects they modify.

They are used in sentences where two nouns are compared.

1. We add **-er** at the end of the adjective with one syllable.
2. To adjectives that end in **-e**, we only add **-r**.
3. To adjectives that end in consonant + vocal + consonant, we **duplicated the last consonant and put -er**.
4. To adjectives that end in syllables with **-y**, we **substitute the -y and add -ier**.
5. For adjectives that have more than 2 syllables we add “more / less” followed by the adjective.

### EXAMPLES

1. Adjectives with one syllable	2. Adjectives that end in -e	3. Adjectives with c+v+c	4. Adjectives that end in -y	5. Adjectives with more than 2 syllables
Faster	Nicer	Bigger	Funnier	More beautiful
Cooler	Cuter	Hotter	Happier	Less beautiful

## • SUPERLATIVE

Superlative adjectives are used to describe an object which is at the upper or lower limit of the quality.

They are used in sentences where a subject is compared to a group of objects.

1. We add **-est** at the end of the adjective.
2. To adjectives that end in **-e**, we only add **-st**.
3. To adjectives that end in consonant + vocal + consonant, we **duplicated the last consonant and put -est**.
4. To adjectives that end in syllables with **-y**, we **substitute the -y and add -iest**.
5. For adjectives that have more than 2 syllables we add “the most / the least” followed by the adjective.

### EXAMPLES

1. Adjectives with one syllable	2. Adjectives that end in <b>-e</b>	3. Adjectives with <b>c+v+c</b>	4. Adjectives that end in <b>-y</b>	5. Adjectives with more than 2 syllables
Fastest	Nicest	Biggest	Funniest	The most beautiful
Coolest	Cutest	Hottest	Happiest	The least beautiful

Irregular  
adjectives

good	=	better	best
bad	=	worse	worst
little	=	less	least (of a quantity)
much	=	more	most
far	=	further	furthest
old	=	elder	eldest (in a family)

## Structure

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- COMPARATIVES

Noun (subject) + verb + comparative adjective + than + noun (object).

- SUPERLATIVES

Noun (subject) + verb + the + superlative adjective + noun (object).

## Exercises

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A. Choose the correct answer

1. My mother is \_\_\_\_\_ than my father.
  - a) Old
  - b) Older
  - c) The oldest
2. What is \_\_\_\_\_ movie you have ever seen?
  - a) Funny
  - b) Funnier
  - c) The funniest
3. That movie was bad, but it wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ I have ever seen.
  - a) Baddest
  - b) Worstest
  - c) The worst
4. Yesterday's exam was \_\_\_\_\_ than the one last month.
  - a) Difficult
  - b) Difficulter
  - c) More difficult

B. Order the sentences

1. Cheapest / store / table / is / the / in / this / the

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2. football / more / than / basketball / is / popular

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3. than / father / is / mother / is / my / younger / my

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4. more / is / dress / a lot / this / than / black / expensive / the / dress

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5. sister / faster / Sue / than / her / speaks

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# GOOD LUCK!