

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 **uplicated 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.

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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

- COMPARATIVES

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

- SUPERLATIVES

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

Exercises

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

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

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

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

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

GOOD LUCK!