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Review: Adjectives degree

The comparative and the superlative

Comparative adjectives

Subject + verb + comparative adjective + *than* + noun (object).

Examples

- My house is **larger** than hers.
- This box is **smaller** than the one I lost.
- Your dog is **faster** than Jim's dog.
- The rock is **higher** than the roof.
- Jim and Jack are both fast, but Jack is **faster**. ("than Jim" is understood)

Superlative adjectives

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

Examples

- My house is the **largest** one in our neighborhood.
- This is the **smallest** box I've ever seen.
- Your dog was the **fastest** of any dog in the race.
- We all have trees in our yard. My tree is the **tallest**.
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Forming regular comparatives and superlatives

The form depends on the number of syllables in the original adjective.

One syllable adjectives

Comparative: Add -er

Superlative: add -est

If the adjective has a consonant + single vowel + consonant spelling, the final consonant must be doubled before adding the ending.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
tall	taller	tallest
fat	fatter	fattest
big	bigger	biggest
sad	sadder	saddest

Two syllables

For adjectives ending in "Y", change the "Y" to an "I" before adding the ending "ER".

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
happy	happier	happiest
busy	busier	busiest

Three or more syllables

Adjectives with three or more syllables form the comparative by putting *more* in front of the adjective, and the superlative by putting *most* in front.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
important	more important	most important
expensive	more expensive	most expensive

Irregular comparatives and superlatives

These very common adjectives have completely irregular comparative and superlative forms.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
little	less	least
much	more	most
far	further / farther	furthest / farthest

Examples

- Today is the **worst** day I've had in a long time.
- Your painting is **better** than mine.
- This is the **least** expensive sweater in the store.
- This sweater is **less** expensive than that one.
- His house is far from town, but her house is even **farther**.