

# The comparative and superlative

## Comparative:

We use the comparative form of an adjective to compare two people or things.

## Superlative:

We use the superlative to compare more than two people or things.

### One syllable adjectives:

#	Short adjectives	Comparative Adjective + -er +than	Superlative Add the+ adjective + -est	notes
1-	young	younger than	the youngest	
2-	nice	nicer than	the nicest	
3-	kind	kinder than	the kindest	
4-	small	smaller than	the smallest	
5-	strong	stronger than	the strongest	
6-	thick	thicker than	the thickest	
7-	new	newer than	the newest	
8-	hot	hotter than	the hottest	If an adjective ends in a short vowel followed by a single consonant, we <u>double</u> the final consonant.
9-	big	bigger than	the biggest	
10-	fat	fatter than	the fattest	
11-	thin	thinner than	the thinnest	

### Two syllables adjectives that end in a consonant and -y, we change -y to -i and add -er or -est:

#	adjective	Comparative	Superlative
1-	happy	happier than	the happiest
2-	heavy	heavier than	the heaviest
3-	Pretty	prettier than	the prettiest
4-	silly	sillier than	the silliest

### two or more syllables:

#	long adjectives	Comparative More/less + adjective +than	Superlative The +most/least+ adjective
1-	beautiful	more/less beautiful than	the most/least beautiful
2-	tired	more/less tired than	the most/least tired
3-	powerful	more/less powerful than	the most/least powerful
4-	colourful	more/less colourful than	the most/least colourful
5-	useful	more/less useful than	the most/least useful
6-	special	more/less special than	the most/least special
7-	absent-minded	more/less absent-minded than	the most/least absent-minded
8-	loyal	more/less loyal than	the most/least loyal
9-	pleasant	more/less pleasant than	the most/least pleasant

### irregular comparatives and superlatives

T. Ghadeer Ali AlZawahrah

#	Irregular adjective	Comparative	Superlative	notes
1-	good	better <b>than</b>	<b>the best</b>	You should memorize their <u>spelling</u> .
2-	bad	worse <b>than</b>	<b>the worst</b>	
3-	many /much	more <b>than</b>	<b>the most</b>	
4-	little	less <b>than</b>	<b>the least</b>	
5-	Well-known	better-known <b>than</b>	<b>the best-known</b>	

\*Exercise: Choose the correct answer:

- 1- Lila is ..... Asma.
- 2- Ali is ..... Rami.
- 3- Sami is .....student in the class.
- 4- Kareem is .....Ali in playing tennis.
- 5- Sharks are .....in the ocean.
- 6- Ali is .....Sami.
- 7- Fadia is .....in the family.
- 8- The weather in Saudi Arabia is ..... in Jordan.
- 9- Muna is .....Rama after the race.
- 10- This is .....pie I've ever had!
- 11- He drank .....amount of milk of anyone there.

Good luck

T. GHADDEER  
ALZAWAHRAH

T. Ghadeer Ali AlZawahrah