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## COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES

### MAKING COMPARISONS

We use the comparative form of adjectives or adverbs to make comparisons between two:

- people
- places
- things

**Structure: Subject + BE + comparative form of the adjective/adverb + than + object.**

#### Examples:

Jenny is taller than Sarah.

Gabriel is older than Leo.

Spanish is easier than Mandarin.

This book is more interesting than that book.

My current boss is more demanding than my former boss.

tall – taller

old – older

easy – easier

interesting – more interesting

demanding – more demanding

#### Category 1:

**One-syllable adjectives and two-syllable adjectives that end in -Y, add -ER to the end of the adjectives**

young – younger

short – shorter

tall – taller

old – older

big – bigger

cold – colder

late – later

small – smaller

strong – stronger

#### Rule 1:

**With adjectives that end in a consonant – vowel – consonant, you need to double the final consonant**

hot – hotter

big – bigger

wet – wetter

slim – slimmer

#### Rule 2:

**Adjectives that already end in -E, add -R**

late – later

cute – cuter

wise – wiser

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**Two-syllable adjectives that end in -Y, take away the “Y” and add -IER**

easy – easier	happy – happier
funny – funnier	angry – angrier
crazy – crazier	busy – busier

### Category 2:

**Two-syllable adjectives that don't end in -Y and adjectives with three syllables or more, add “more” before the adjective**

more crowded	more generous
more narrow	more interesting
more gentle	more demanding

### Quiz Time!

**What is the comparative form of...**

-long	-easy
-small	-silly
-big	-difficult
-cute	-interesting

Answers: longer, smaller, bigger, cuter, easier, sillier, more difficult, more interesting

## ■ USING SUPERLATIVES

**We use the superlative form to make comparisons between one person and all the rest**

**Structure: Subject + BE + THE + superlative form of the adjective/adverb + ever/of/in (the category).**

### Examples:

Tom is the tallest boy in his class.

Carla is the fastest runner on the soccer team.

This is the easiest test I've ever taken.

Marco is the funniest guy I know.

White water rafting is the most exciting thing I've ever done.

Lady Gaga is the most talented musician in the world.

### Category 1:

**One-syllable adjectives and two-syllable adjectives that end in -Y add -EST to the end of the adjectives**

young – youngest	old – oldest	late – latest
short – shortest	big – biggest	small – smallest
tall – tallest	cold – coldest	strong – strongest

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### Rule 1:

**With Consonant-Vowel-Consonant adjectives, double the final consonant**

hot – hottest

big – biggest

wet – wettest

slim – slimmest

### Rule 2:

**Adjectives that already end in -E, add -ST**

late – latest

cute – cutest

wise – wisest

nice – nicest

**Two-syllable adjectives that end in -Y, take away the “Y” and add -IEST**

easy – easiest

happy – happiest

funny – funniest

angry – angriest

crazy – craziest

busy – busiest

### Category 2:

**Two-syllable adjectives that don't end in -Y and adjectives with three syllables or more, add “most” before the adjective**

most crowded

most generous

most narrow

most interesting

most gentle

most demanding

### Quiz Time!

**What is the superlative form of...**

**-long**

**-easy**

**-small**

**-silly**

**-big**

**-difficult**

**-cute**

**-interesting**

Answers: longest, smallest, biggest, cutest, easiest, silliest, most difficult, most interesting

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### CATEGORY 1

- ADJECTIVES THAT HAVE ONLY 1 SYLLABLE -> ADD -ER/-EST
- ADJECTIVES THAT HAVE 2 SYLLABLES AND END IN -Y -> REMOVE THE Y AND ADD -IER/IEST

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE FORM	SUPERLATIVE FORM
tall	taller	tallest
weak	weaker	weakest
big	bigger	biggest
strong	stronger	strongest
cold	colder	coldest
hot	hotter	hottest
warm	warmer	warmest
rich	richer	richest
poor	poorer	poorest
happy	happier	happiest
easy	easier	easiest
funny	funnier	funniest
skinny	skinnier	skinniest
crazy	crazier	craziest

## EXAMPLES USING THE COMPARATIVE

1. **Salvador is hotter than Porto Alegre.**
2. **Jupiter is colder than Earth.**
3. **January is a warmer month than April.**
4. **Spanish is easier than Japanese.**
5. **Billy is happier than Bobby.**

## EXAMPLES USING THE SUPERLATIVE

1. **Russia is the largest country in the world.**
2. **Central African Republic is the poorest country in the world.**
3. **Mercury is the smallest planet in our solar system.**
4. **Jacob is the funniest boy in the class.**
5. **Katie is the happiest girl I know.**

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### CATEGORY 2

- ADJECTIVES THAT HAVE 2 SYLLABLES AND DO NOT END IN -Y -> MORE/MOST + ADJECTIVE
- ADJECTIVES THAT HAVE 3 OR MORE SYLLABLES -> MORE/MOST + ADJECTIVE

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE FORM	SUPERLATIVE FORM
tired	more tired	most tired
crowded	more crowded	most crowded
boring	more boring	most boring
careful	more careful	most careful
interesting	more interesting	most interesting
exciting	more exciting	most exciting
difficult	more difficult	most difficult
challenging	more challenging	most challenging
intelligent	more intelligent	most intelligent
talented	more talented	most talented

## EXAMPLES USING THE COMPARATIVE

1. The red line was **more crowded** than the blue line this morning.
2. My history class is **more boring** than my physics class.
3. Skydiving is **more exciting** than bungee jumping.
4. Arabic is **more challenging** than French.
5. Crossfit is **more difficult** than Zumba

## EXAMPLES USING THE SUPERLATIVE

1. This vacation is **the most relaxing** of all.
2. Teaching is **the most rewarding** profession.
3. Gabriel is **the most talented** guy I know.
4. White water rafting is **the most exciting** thing I've ever done.
5. Barcelona is **the most beautiful** city that I've seen.

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EXCEPTIONS		
ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE FORM	SUPERLATIVE FORM
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
far	further	farthest
*stupid	more stupid/stupider	most stupid/stupidest
*fun	more fun	most fun

\*funner and funnest are also used, but “more fun” and “most fun” is more grammatically correct. ;)

## EXAMPLES

1. Shelly is better than Anna at skiing.
2. Shelly is worse than Anna at dancing.
3. Simone Biles is the best gymnast in the world.
4. Today was the worst day ever.
5. English is more fun than German.