

COMPARATIVE and SUPERLATIVE SENTENCES

We use the **COMPARATIVE** and **SUPERLATIVE** form to **COMPARE** and **CONTRAST** different objects.

In order to do comparatives and superlatives, we have to pay attention to the **ADJECTIVE**.

We can have: One syllable adjectives, two or more than two syllable adjectives.

One-Syllable Adjectives	Two or more than two – Syllable Adjectives
SMALL	MODERN
BIG	INTELLIGENT
THIN	HAPPY
FAT	BUSY
FAST	EASY
NICE	INTERESTING
SAD	EXPENSIVE
SLIM	FRIENDLY
CHEAP	SIMPLE

One-syllable adjectives

1. We form the COMPARATIVE of a one-syllable adjective by adding **-ER** to the adjective, and the SUPERLATIVE by adding **THE+EST** to the adjective.

One-Syllable Adjectives	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
TALL	TALL ER	THE TALLE ST
OLD	OLD ER	THE OLDE ST
LONG	LONG ER	THE LONGE ST

- Mary is **taller than** Paul.
- Mary is **the tallest of** all the students.
- John is **older than** Peter.
- My hair is **longer than** your hair.
- Paul's story is **the longest in the class.**

2. If the one-syllable adjective ends with an **E**, we just add **-r** for the COMPARATIVE form and **the + adjective + -st** for the SUPERLATIVE form.

One-Syllable Adjectives with Final "E"	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
LARGE	LARGE R	THE LARGE ST
WISE	WISE R	THE WISE ST

- Mary's car is **larger than** Brian's car.
- Mary's house is **the tallest of** all the houses in the neighborhood.
- Karen is **wiser than** his sister.
- Karen is **the wisest person in the World**

3. If the one-syllable adjective consists of : **CONSONANT + vowel + CONSONANT** (we are always speaking about sound), we double the final consonant, both for COMPARATIVES and SUPERLATIVES.

One-Syllable Adjectives Ending : CONSONANT+ VOWEL + CONSONANT	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
BIG	BIGGER	THE BIGGEST
THIN (eɪŋ)	THINNER	THE THINNEST
FAT	FATTER	THE FATTEST

- My cat is **bigger than** your cat.
- My cat is **the biggest of** all the cats in the neighborhood.
- Paul is **thinner than** John.
- Karen is **fatter than** Paul.
- John is **the saddest person in my class.**

Two or more than two-syllable adjectives

1. With most two or more than two-syllable adjectives, you form the COMPARATIVE with **MORE** and the SUPERLATIVE with **THE MOST**.

Two or more than two-Syllable Adjectives	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
PEACEFUL (2)	MORE PEACEFUL	THE MOST PEACEFUL
PLEASANT (2)	MORE PLEASANT	THE MOST PLEASANT
CAREFUL (2)	MORE CAREFUL	THE MOST CAREFUL
GENEROUS (3)	MORE GENEROUS	THE MOST GENEROUS
IMPORTANT (3)	MORE IMPORTANT	THE MOST IMPORTANT
INTELLIGENT (3)	MORE INTELLIGENT	THE MOST INTELLIGENT

- This morning is **more peaceful** *than* yesterday morning.
- Paul's house in the mountains is **the most peaceful** *in the World*.
- Arthur is **more careful** *than* David.

- John is **more generous** *than* David.
- Brian is **the most generous** *person in my class*.
- Health is **more important** *than* money.
- Dogs are **more intelligent** *than* cats.
- Joanne is **the most intelligent** *person in my class*.



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2. If the two-syllable adjectives ends with **-y**, change the **y** to **i** and add **-er** for the COMPARATIVE form. For the SUPERLATIVE form, we change the **y** to **i** and add **-est**.

Two-Syllable Adjectives Ending "Y"	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
HAPPY	HAPPIER	THE HAPPIEST
ANGRY	ANGRIER	THE ANGRIEST
BUSY	BUSIER	THE BUSIEST

- John is **happier** today **than** yesterday.
- John is **the happiest** boy **in the World**.
- Arthur is **angrier than** Peter.
- Mary is **busier than** Paul.
- Mary is **the busiest person**.

Exceptions : Irregular adjectives

Irregular Adjectives	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
GOOD	BETTER	THE BEST
BAD	WORSE	THE WORST
FAR	FARTHER	THE FARTHEST
OLD	OLDER / ELDER	THE OLDEST / ELDEST
LITTLE	LESS	THE LEAST
MANY	MORE	THE MOST

- Spanish food is **better** *than* English food.
- My cat is **the best** cat *in the World*.
- My project is **worse** *than* your project.