

Lesson Three: Comparatives and Superlatives

Adjectives are words that describe, identify, or quantify nouns and pronouns. They help specify our writing by offering more details about nouns and pronouns.

Comparative Adjectives

Comparative adjectives are used to compare two things and they help describe differences between two nouns.

-We can make the comparative and superlative of one-syllable adjectives ending in e adding -r and -st. Example: nice = nicer , the nicest

-We can make the comparative and superlative of other one-syllable adjectives by adding -er and -est. Example: fast = faster , the fastest
short = shorter, the shortest

See table below for more examples:

1. Short Adjectives

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
small	smaller	the smallest
tall	taller	the tallest
fast	faster	the fastest

2. Long Adjectives (Rule: Use more for comparatives and most for superlatives).

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
interesting	more interesting	the most interesting

3. Irregular Adjectives

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	the best
Bad	worse	the worst
Far	Farther/Further	Farthest/Furthest
Little	Less	Least

Examples:

My house is bigger than yours.

This is the tallest building.

This book is more interesting than that one.

3. Activity

Complete the sentences (comparative or superlative)

1. This exam is _____ (easy) than the previous one.
2. She is the _____ (intelligent) student in the class.
3. His results are _____ (bad) than last year.
4. That was the _____ (interesting) lecture of the course.
5. This task is _____ (difficult) than the last one