

## Comparatives and superlatives

Comparatives and superlatives are special forms of adjectives. They are used to compare 2 or more things.

### 1- Forming Comparatives and superlatives

How these forms are created depends on how many syllables there are in the adjectives.

Here are the rules:

| Adjective form   | Comparative   | Superlative  |
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| Only 1 syllable ending in e<br>eg: wide , fine , cute  | Wider , finer , cuter   | Wildest , finest , cutest  |
| Only one syllable, with one vowel and one consonant at the end<br>eg: hot, big, fat                    | Double the consonant, and add er<br>Hotter, bigger, fatter                          | Double the consonant and add est<br>Hottest, biggest, fattest                      |
| Only one syllable with more than vowel or more than one consonant at the end.<br>eg: light, neat, fast | Add <u>er</u> lighter, neater, faster   | Add <u>est</u><br>Lightest, neatest, fastest                                       |
| Two syllable ending in Y<br>eg: happy, silly, lonely   | Change Y to I then add er<br>Happier, sillier, lonelier                             | Change Y to I then add est<br>Happiest, silliest, loneliest                        |
| Two syllable or more, not ending in Y<br>eg: modern, interesting, beautiful                            | Use more before the adjectives<br>More modern<br>More interesting<br>more beautiful | Use most before the adjective<br>Most modern<br>Most interesting<br>Most beautiful |

good - better - best

### 2- How to form comparative and superlative

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| Comparative | Comparatives are used to compare 2 things. You can use sentences with than, or you can use a conjunct like but<br>Amin is taller than yacine<br>Yacine is tall, but amin is taller |
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| Superlatives | <p>Superlatives are used to compare more than 2 things. Superlative sentences usually use <u>the</u>, because there is only one superlative.</p> <p>Samir is the tallest in the class</p> <p>Yacine is tall, and amin is taller, but samir is the tallest.</p> |
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Put the adjective in brackets in the correct form

1. Jim is... Shorter .....<sup>(2)</sup> than Tom (short)
2. Ali is the... Shortest ..... (short)
3. Jim is the... Thinnest ..... (thin) رقيق
4. Joe is... Thinner .....<sup>(2)</sup> than Ali (thin)
5. Ali has the Most Colourful ..... clothes (colourful)
6. Ali is... Heavier .....<sup>(2)</sup> than Joe (heavy) ثقل
7. Tom is the... lightest ..... (light)
8. Joe is... Happier .....<sup>(2)</sup> than Tom (happy)
9. Tom is the... Most mysterious ..... (mysterious)
10. Joe is... More energetic .....<sup>(2)</sup> than Tom (energetic)