

Name _____ Date **Answer Key**

Endings with **-er** and **-est**



For most adjectives that require an -er or -est, you can simply add one of the endings. If the word already ends in e, drop the e, then add either **-er** or **-est**.

Words with -er are used to **compare** or show that something is **more** than something else. Words that end in -est show that something is the **most**.

Special Spelling Patterns for -er and -est Words

If the word ends in y change the y to an i before you add -er or -est.
If the word has a CVC pattern double the consonant before you add -er or -est.

Directions: Choose the best word to fit in each blank. Add an -er or -est ending to match the context of each sentence. Use the reminders above to help you remember the spelling patterns. Write the word in the blank.

Word Bank: wet · young · rare · simple · fast · silly · quiet · long

Example: The enormous diamond was the **rarest** diamond in the whole world!

1. Jessica is the **quietest** student in the whole class. All of the other students talk a lot, but she mainly listens.
2. My brother is **younger** than me. I am in the fifth grade, but he is in the first grade.
3. Karen is my **silliest** friend. She is always clowning and making silly faces that make people laugh. No one is sillier than her!
4. John was **faster** than two other runners. He almost won the race!
5. My family went on a road trip last summer. It was the **longest** trip that we had ever taken!

