

# Adjectives that Compare: Comparative and Superlative

A **comparative adjective** is used for comparing two people or things.

A **superlative adjective** is used for comparing three or more people or things.

Most comparative adjectives are formed by adding **-er** to the end of the adjective.

Most superlative adjectives are formed by adding **-est** to the end of the adjective.

**Adjective:** small    **Comparative Adjective:** smaller    **Superlative Adjective:** smallest

**Directions:** Write the adjective that correctly completes the sentence.

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| 1. Oscar is a very <u>friendly</u> dog.                      | friendly | friendlier | friendliest |
| 2. It is <u>colder</u> today than it was yesterday.          | cold     | colder     | coldest     |
| 3. The librarian asked us to be <u>quieter</u> .             | quiet    | quieter    | quietest    |
| 4. Mom's lasagna is the <u>tastiest</u> I've ever had.       | tasty    | tastier    | tastiest    |
| 5. The swimming pool is much <u>deeper</u> at the other end. | deep     | deeper     | deepest     |
| 6. Grandpa was <u>angry</u> because his favorite team lost.  | angry    | angrier    | angriest    |
| 7. This has been the <u>busiest</u> day all year.            | busy     | busier     | busiest     |
| 8. Brandon is the <u>tallest</u> boy in our class.           | tall     | taller     | tallest     |
| 9. I am <u>shorter</u> than Uncle Joe.                       | short    | shorter    | shortest    |
| 10. The construction workers are working very <u>fast</u> .  | fast     | faster     | fastest     |

Some comparative and superlative adjectives are **irregular**.

They don't follow the same spelling conventions.

**Adjective:** bad    **Comparative Adjective:** worse    **Superlative Adjective:** worst

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| 11. Ted wanted <u>more</u> vegetables on his plate.           | many   | more    | most     |
| 12. That movie was the <u>worst</u> I've seen in a long time. | bad    | worse   | worst    |
| 13. I wish Grandma didn't live so <u>far</u> away.            | far    | farther | farthest |
| 14. I had the <u>least</u> amount of ice cream.               | little | less    | least    |
| 15. Gina is a <u>better</u> runner than me.                   | good   | better  | best     |
| 16. There are only a <u>few</u> cookies left in the jar.      | few    | fewer   | fewest   |
| 17. I had the <u>worst</u> dream last night.                  | bad    | worse   | worst    |
| 18. I wanted <u>more</u> peas but we ran out.                 | many   | more    | most     |
| 19. She is feeling much <u>better</u> than she was yesterday. | good   | better  | best     |
| 20. My house is the <u>farthest</u> one from school.          | far    | farther | farthest |