

# Using Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

A **comparative adjective** is used to compare two nouns. The suffix **-er** is often found at the end of a comparative adjective.

Example: My book is longer than hers.  
That dog runs faster than Spot.



A **superlative adjective** is used to compare three or more nouns. It describes the noun that is the most extreme. The suffix **-est** is often found at the end of a superlative adjective.

Example: My book is the longest in the whole library.  
Of all the dogs at the park, that dog is the fastest.

Here are some rules for changing an adjective to its comparative and superlative forms:

If a word...	Rule	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Ends in y	Change the y to i, and add -er or -est	Happy	Happier	Happiest
Has a CVC (consonant + vowel + consonant) pattern	Double the last letter, and add -er or -est	Hot	Hotter	Hottest
Ends with an e	Drop the e, and add -er or -est	Large	Larger	Largest
Has more than two syllables	Use the word <b>more/most</b> or <b>less/least</b> in front of the adjective	Interesting	More interesting Less interesting	Most interesting Least interesting
Is irregular	Memorize it!	Good Bad	Better Worse	Best Worst

## Part 1

**Directions:** Circle the comparative adjective in each sentence.

- His bike is smaller than my bike.
- My puppy is cuter than that one.
- My book is shorter than yours.
- Our shoes are dirtier than yours.

## Part 2

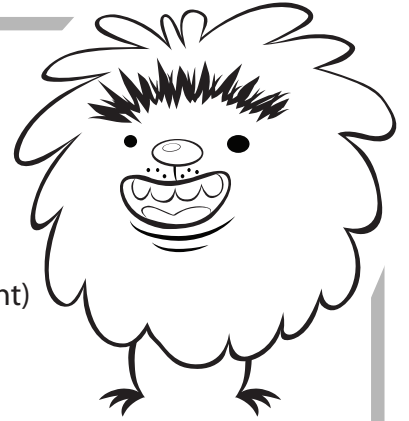
**Directions:** Circle the superlative adjective in each sentence.

- He has the smallest bike of all.
- I think my puppy is the cutest puppy of all.
- My book is the shortest book I have ever read.
- Our shoes are the dirtiest of all.

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## Part 3

**Directions:** Complete each sentence with the comparative or superlative form of the adjective in parentheses. Circle the things in each sentence that are being compared. Remember to use the spelling rules from the chart!



Example: My flashlight is brighter than yours (bright)

1. This room is cleaner than that one (clean)

2. My bedroom is the cleanest of all the rooms in the house. (clean)

3. That tree is the greenest of all (green)

4. My eyes are greener than my brother's eyes (green)

5. He climbed the highest branch of all on the tree. (high)

6. The branch is higher than the house (high)

7. Your blanket is softer than mine (soft)

8. My blanket is the softest of all (soft)

9. The whale is the largest animal of all (large)

10. Did you know whales are larger than dinosaurs? (large)

## Part 4

**Directions:** Complete the following sentence frames based on what you have learned about comparative and superlative adjectives.

1. A **comparative** adjective ends with er. This adjective is used to compare two things. An example of a comparative adjective is (student answers will vary).

2. A **superlative** adjective ends with est. This adjective is used to compare three or more things. An example of a superlative adjective is (student answers will vary).