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What Are Comparatives & Superlatives?

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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 that will help you use comparative and superlative adjectives.

Rule	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
If a word ends in a y , change it to an i and add -er or -est.	funny	funnier	funniest
Words with a CVC (consonant + vowel + consonant) spelling pattern should have the last letter doubled before adding the suffix -er or -est.	big	bigger	biggest
If a word ends in an e , drop the e before adding the suffix -er or -est.	large	larger	largest
For words with more than two syllables, use the word more or less in front of the adjective to make the comparative form, and use most or least to make the superlative form.	serious	more serious	most serious

Some words don't follow the rules. Here is a list of some irregular adjectives.

Irregular Adjectives		
Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
far	farther	farthest
little	less	least
many	more	most

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Answers
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Fill in the comparative and superlative forms of each adjective below.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
hot	hotter	hottest
silly	sillier	silliest
interesting	more interesting	most interesting
nice	nicer	nicest
far	farther	farthest
small	smaller	smallest
lazy	lazier	laziest
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful

Fill in each blank with the appropriate form of the given adjective.

1. Junia's lunch looks better than mine.
(good)

2. Frankie has the most expensive bike in town.
(expensive)

3. Kelsey's pet hamster is cuter than Joe's pet toad.
(cute)

4. Of all my friends, Nadia can lift the heaviest rocks.
(heavy)

5. Blake likes his pasta to be thinner than spaghetti.
(thin)

6. Quentin said that the book was more exciting than the movie.
(exciting)

