

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 _____ dog. | friendly | friendlier | friendliest |
| 2. It is _____ today than it was yesterday. | cold | colder | coldest |
| 3. The librarian asked us to be _____. | quiet | quieter | quietest |
| 4. Mom's lasagna is the _____ I've ever had. | tasty | tastier | tastiest |
| 5. The swimming pool is much _____ at the other end. | deep | deeper | deepest |
| 6. Grandpa was _____ because his favorite team lost. | angry | angrier | angriest |
| 7. This has been the _____ day all year. | busy | busier | busiest |
| 8. Brandon is the _____ boy in our class. | tall | taller | tallest |
| 9. I am _____ than Uncle Joe. | short | shorter | shortest |
| 10. The construction workers are working very _____. | 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 _____ vegetables on his plate. | many | more | most |
| 12. That movie was the _____ I've seen in a long time. | bad | worse | worst |
| 13. I wish Grandma didn't live so _____ away. | far | farther | farthest |
| 14. I had the _____ amount of ice cream. | little | less | least |
| 15. Gina is a _____ runner than me. | good | better | best |
| 16. There are only a _____ cookies left in the jar. | few | fewer | fewest |
| 17. I had the _____ dream last night. | bad | worse | worst |
| 18. I wanted _____ peas but we ran out. | many | more | most |
| 19. She is feeling much _____ than she was yesterday. | good | better | best |
| 20. My house is the _____ one from school. | far | farther | farthest |