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Superlative Rule Breakers

Most adjectives follow a few simple rules to turn them into comparative and superlative adjectives. These rules are based on how many syllables they have. Read through these rules and the examples. Then take a look at the rule breakers at the bottom and see if you can track down their comparative and superlative forms.

One Syllable Adjectives

RULE: +er or +est, if it ends in “y” change the “y” to “i” first. If it ends in a vowel then a consonant, double the consonant.

Standard: cool > cooler > coolest

With “y” ending: dry > drier > driest

Two or More Syllable Adjectives

RULE: With most two syllable words simply add “more” or “most” before the word. Common exception: If it ends in “y”, use the same rule as one syllable words. Most longer adjective comparative and superlatives add “more” or “most” before the word.

Standard: quiet > quieter > quietest

With “y” ending: chilly > chillier > chilliest

Longer adjectives: intelligent > more intelligent > most intelligent

Those rules are pretty easy, but these rascals do their own thing and can be tricky.

Rule Breaking Adjectives

These words are rebels and don't follow any rules. Use the resources in your classroom to find the comparative and superlative forms of these defiant adjectives.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good		
bad		
little		
many		
far		
much/many		
late		