

Comparative and Superlative forms

Short Adjectives (1 syllable or 2 syllables + consonant + -y)

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
general rule tall great	adj. + -er + than taller than greater than	the adj. + -est the tallest in / of the greatest
adj. ending in -e fine	adj. + -r + than finer than	the adj. + -st the finest in / of
adj. ending in vowel + consonant big hot	double consonant + -er + than bigger than hotter than	double consonant + est the biggest the hottest
2 syllable adj. ending consonant + y heavy pretty	change the 'y' to 'i' + -er + than heavier than prettier than	change the 'y' to 'i' + -est the heaviest the prettiest

Long Adjectives (2 + syllables)

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
general rule beautiful interesting	more + adj. + than more beautiful than more interesting than	the most + adj. the most beautiful the most interesting
adverbs ending in '-ly' friendly carefully	more + adverb + than more friendly than more carefully than	The most + adverb the most friendly the most carefully

Irregular Comparatives and Superlatives

Adjective / Adverb	Comparative form	Superlative form
good	better than	the best
bad	worse than	the worst
far	farther than further than	the farthest the furthest
little	less	the least
some / much / many	more	the most

Other ways of Making Comparisons

<p>'less' and 'least' have the opposite meaning to 'more' and 'most'.</p>	<p>Emily was <u>less experienced</u> than us.</p> <p>She was <u>the least experienced</u> member of the team.</p>
<p>'as + adj. / adverb + as' to compare people or things that are similar.</p>	<p>James was <u>as good as</u> his brother at maths.</p> <p>The second hotel we stayed at was <u>as impressive as</u> the first one.</p>
<p>Modifiers: <i>much, a lot, a little, a bit, a good deal</i></p> <p>This film is <u>much worse than</u> I thought it would be.</p> <p>This holiday is <u>a lot more expensive than</u> the one we had last year.</p> <p>Sarah's painting is <u>a little less colourful</u> than Adam's.</p> <p>Your car is <u>a little bit more reliable</u> than mine.</p> <p>This restaurant is <u>a bit cheaper than</u> the one near the fountain.</p> <p>George's drawings are <u>much more realistic</u> than mine.</p> <p>This recipe is <u>a good deal easier</u> to make than you might think.</p>	