

## Comparative and Superlative forms

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

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

### Long Adjectives (2 + syllables)

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
<b>general rule</b> beautiful interesting	<b>more + adj. + than</b> more beautiful than more interesting than	<b>the most + adj.</b> the most beautiful the most interesting
<b>adverbs ending in '-ly'</b> friendly carefully	<b>more + adverb + than</b> more friendly than more carefully than	<b>The most + adverb</b> 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><b>Modifiers: <i>much, a lot, a little, a bit, a good deal</i></b></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>	