

SHORT ADJECTIVES (1 syllable)

Adjective	Comparative form	Superlative form
general rule e.g. cold *** old	adj. + -er + than colder than older / elder (family)	the adj. + -est + in / of the coldest in / of the oldest / the eldest (family)
adj. ending in -e e.g. nice	adj. + -r + than nicer than	the adj. + -st + in / of the nicest in / of
adj. ending in vowel + consonant e.g. fat ***I don't double w e.g. low	double consonant + -er + than fatter than lower than	double consonant + est + in / of the fattest in / of the lowest in / of
adj. ending in a consonant plus -y or follow the general rule e.g. dry shy	change the 'y' to 'i' and add -er + than drier / dryer than shier / shyer than	change the 'y' to 'i' and add -est + in / of the driest / dryest in / of the shiest / shyest in / of

LONG ADJECTIVES (2 / + syllables) + adverbs ending in '-ly'.

Adjective	Comparative form	Superlative form
general rule e.g. beautiful	more + adj. + than more beautiful than	the most + adj. + in / of the most beautiful in / of
2-syllable adj. ending in consonant + -y e.g. easy	'y' changes to 'i' + -er than easier than	'y' changes to 'i' + -est in / of the easiest in / of
adverbs ending in '-ly' e.g. seriously ***I Note that e.g. early (adj. + adverb)	more + adverb + (than) more seriously earlier (than)	most + adverb + (than) most seriously earliest (than)
***I With some common two-syllable adjectives and adverbs you can either add '-er' and '-est', or use 'more' and 'most': e.g. common, cruel, gentle, handsome, likely, narrow, pleasant, polite, simple and stupid. ***I Clever and quiet only add '-er' and '-est'.		