

Forming Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

Number of Syllables	Ends in	Add	Example of Comparative	Example of Superlative
1	Consonant	-er / -est	fast - faster	fast - fastest
2	"y"	-ier	slow - slower	slow - slowest
2	Consonant + vowel Consonant + Consonant Consonant + vowel	"Double the consonant if they're the same"	big - bigger	big - biggest
2	Consonant + vowel	More, most	pleasant - more pleasant	pleasant - most pleasant
3	"y"	Change the "y" to "i" + "-ier" / "-iest"	happy - happier	happy - happiest
2	ed, er, (i-er)	-er / -est / -est	warmer - warmer	warmer - warmest
3+	Consonant + vowel	More, most	careless - more careless	careless - most careless

For **irregular** adjectives, you may need to learn some special rules. After writing your answers, compare your answers to the ones given. Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives in the brackets.

Example:

1. **slow** (adjective) → slower / slowest 2. **big** (adjective) → bigger / biggest

3. **happy** (adjective) → happier / happiest 4. **careless** (adjective) → more careless / most careless

5. **warmer** (adjective)

6. **more** (adjective) → more / most 7. **less** (adjective) → less / least

Irregular adjectives

Original Adjective	Comparative form	Superlative form
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
far	further	furthest
little	less	least
many	more	most