

Adjectives vs Adverbs

Adjectives describe **nouns** (people, animals, things)

a beautiful girl a naughty dog. an expensive car.

Adverbs

Form : adjective + ly *quick-quickly*

but *simple* / – *simply* (consonant + le)

happy / – *happily* *automatic* – *automatically*

Adverbs describe **verbs** (actions).

Kate sings beautifully.

Jack runs quickly.

Some **adverbs** are used to modify an **adjective**.

very, extremely, really, totally, absolutely, quite, fairly, well

These adverbs go **before** the adjective.

- *He is very poor.*
- *The night is extremely dark.*
- *She is quite good at Maths.*
- *The Fresh Food Market has got well trained butchers*

Some adverbs and adjectives with the **same form**

fast, hard, early, late, high, low

Ben has a fast car.

Ben speaks fast.

Good is an adjective

She is a good singer.

Well is an adverb.

She sings well.

Adjectives: Comparative and Superlative form

ADJECTIVES		COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
		- er	- est
One syllable	fast	faster	the fastest
		- r	- st
ending in -e	nice	nicer	the nicest
		Double the last consonant	and add..
ending in		- er	- est
consonant-vowel-consonant	thin	thinner	the thinnest
Two syllables			
		Remove the -y	and add..
ending in - y		- ier	- iest
	happy	happier	the happiest
ending in -er, -ow		- er	- est
	clever	cleverer	the cleverest
	narrow	narrower	the narrowest
Two or more syllables		more + adjective	most + adjective
	famous	more famous	the most famous
	interesting	more interesting	the most interesting

Irregular Adjectives

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
many/much	more	most
Little	less	least
Far	farther/further	farthest/furthest

comparative + than

the + superlative

Bob is taller than Peter

Jack is the tallest of all.

Kate is more beautiful than Mina.

*Kate is the most beautiful girl
in her class.*

We can also make comparisons using

as + adjective + as

Fred is as tall as Mark

not as/so + adjective + as

Diana is not as/so clever as Carol

Adverbs: Comparative and Superlative

Comparative: more + adverb

Paul walks more quickly than Bob

Superlative : most + adverb

Paul walks the most quickly of all.

But

ADVERB	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
<i>well</i>	<i>better</i>	<i>best</i>
<i>badly</i>	<i>worse</i>	<i>worst</i>
<i>fast</i>	<i>faster</i>	<i>fastest</i>
<i>hard</i>	<i>harder</i>	<i>hardest</i>