

Comparison of adjectives

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graph TD; A[Comparison of adjectives] --> B[Positive]; A --> C[Comparative between two]; A --> D[Superlative among three or more];
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Positive

**Comparative
between two**

**Superlative
among three or
more**

positive

• Mary is tall

comparative

• Tom is taller than Mary

superlative

• Jane is the tallest of all

comparative

one syllable adjective



adjective + -er

e.g. tall - taller

two syllable adjectives



more + adjective

e.g. boring - more boring

exceptions

two syllable adjectives ending -er, -w, -y



adjective + -er

e.g. pretty - prettier

superlative

one syllable adjective
e.g. tall - the tallest



adjective+-est

two syllable adjectives
e.g. boring - the most boring



the most+adjective

exceptions

two syllable adjectives ending -er, -w, -y



adjective+-est

e.g. pretty - the prettiest

Spelling rules

a

adjectives ending in -e add -r / -st
e.g. fine, finer, the finest

b

adjectives ending in consonant + y lose y and add -ier / -iest,
e.g. pretty, prettier, the prettiest

c

adjectives ending in a single vowel + single consonant double the
consonant e.g. thin, thinner, the thinnest

Useful words

adjective comparative + than

e.g. Mary is taller than Jane

e.g. Crete is larger than Corfu

the adjective superlative + of ⇒ group

e.g. Mary is the tallest of all

the adjective superlative + in ⇒ place

e.g. Crete is the largest island in Greece

as + adjective + as

e.g. Kate is as tall as Mary

Irregular adjectives - adverbs

Positive

Comparative

Superlative

good-well

better

best

bad

worse

worst

little

less

least

much

more

most

many

more

most

far

further

furthest

far

farther

farthest (distance)