



# Grammar Bank

## Making Comparisons

### Adjectives and Superlatives

#### One syllable adjectives:

The comparative form for short, one-syllable adjectives is formed by adding '-er' to the end of the adjective, while the superlative form takes '-est'.

Adjective	Comparative Adjective	Superlative Adjective
old	older than	the oldest
slow	slower than	the slowest

#### Adjectives with two or more syllables:

For longer adjectives, with two or more syllables, add 'more' or 'less' before the adjective, or 'the most' or 'the least' for the superlative:

Adjective	Comparative Adjective	Superlative Adjective
important	more important than	the most important
intelligent	less intelligent than	the least intelligent

#### Note: sometimes there are changes in spelling:

For adjectives ending in 'y', the 'y' changes to 'i' and then add '-er' or '-est':

Adjective	Comparative Adjective	Superlative Adjective
dry	drier than	the driest
early	earlier than	the earliest

For one-syllable adjectives ending in a consonant + vowel + consonant (CVC) pattern, the final consonant is doubled (except 'w'):

Adjective	Comparative Adjective	Superlative Adjective
big	bigger than	the biggest
thin	thinner than	the thinnest

There are some **irregular** forms:

Adjective	Comparative Adjective	Superlative Adjective
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst