

### Comparatives and Superlatives

Here are some basic rules for spelling comparatives and superlatives:

Rule 1 - one syllable adjectives or adverbs:	
Comparatives	Superlatives
<p>Simply add -er</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• smart = smarter</li> <li>• young = younger</li> <li>• fast = faster</li> </ul>	<p>Use THE and add -est</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• smart = the smartest</li> <li>• young = the youngest</li> <li>• fast = the fastest</li> </ul>
Rule 1B - One syllable adjectives with a <u>C</u> onsonant- <u>V</u> owel- <u>C</u> onsonant Pattern: (Review Consonants and Vowels)	
<p>If the adjective has a CVC pattern, <u>double</u> the consonant and add -er.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wet = wetter</li> <li>• big = bigger</li> <li>• sad = sadder</li> </ul> <p><u>Practice comparatives with one-syllable words.</u></p>	<p>If the adjective has a CVC pattern, <u>double</u> the consonant and add -est. Don't forget THE!</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wet = the wettest</li> <li>• big = the biggest</li> <li>• sad = the saddest</li> </ul> <p><u>Practice superlatives with one-syllable words.</u></p>

Rule 2 - two syllable adjectives ending in Y	
<p>Change the Y to I and add -er</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pretty = prettier</li> <li>• happy = happier</li> <li>• busy = busier</li> </ul> <p><u>Practice comparatives ending in Y.</u></p>	<p>Change the Y to I and add -est. Don't forget to use THE!</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pretty = the prettiest</li> <li>• happy = the happiest</li> <li>• busy = the busiest</li> </ul> <p><u>Practice superlatives ending in Y.</u></p>

Rule 3 - Adjectives or adverbs with two or more syllables (not ending in Y):

Use MORE

Examples:

- famous = more famous
- interesting = more interesting
- carefully = more carefully

Practice comparatives with 2 or more syllables.

Use THE MOST

Examples:

- famous = the most famous
- interesting = the most interesting
- carefully = the most carefully

Practice superlatives with 2 or more syllables.

Rule 4

These are the irregular words. There is no system or pattern here, so you'll just have to remember them. Fortunately, there are only a few...

Examples:

- good = better
- bad = worse
- far = farther (further)
- well = better
- badly = worse
- little = less

Practice irregular comparatives.

Examples:

- good = the best
- bad = the worst
- far = the farthest (the furthest)
- well = the best
- badly = the worst
- little = the least

Practice irregular superlatives.

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Consonants = b, c, d, f, g, h, etc.  
Vowels = a, e, i, o, u

Those were some basic rules for spelling comparatives and superlatives, but remember, there are always exceptions to every rule...Good Luck!



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