

Comparatives and Superlatives

Rule 1 - one syllable adjectives or adverbs:	
Comparatives	Superlatives
<p>Simply add -er</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • smart = smarter • young = younger • fast = faster 	<p>Use THE and add -est</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • smart = the smartest • young = the youngest • fast = the fastest
Rule 1B - One syllable adjectives with a <u>C</u> onsonant- <u>V</u> owel- <u>C</u> onsonant Pattern:	
<p>If the adjective has a CVC pattern, <u>double</u> the consonant and add -er.</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wet = wetter • big = bigger • sad = sadder 	<p>If the adjective has a CVC pattern, <u>double</u> the consonant and add -est. Don't forget THE!</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wet = the wettest • big = the biggest • sad = the saddest
Rule 2 - two syllable adjectives ending in Y	
<p>Change the Y to I and add -er</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pretty = prettier • happy = happier • busy = busier 	<p>Change the Y to I and add -est. Don't forget to use THE!</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pretty = the prettiest • happy = the happiest • busy = the busiest
Rule 3 - Adjectives or adverbs with two or more syllables (not ending in Y):	
<p>Use MORE</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • famous = more famous • interesting = more interesting • carefully = more carefully 	<p>Use THE MOST</p> <p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • famous = the most famous • interesting = the most interesting • carefully = the most carefully
Rule 4	
<p>These are the irregular words. There is no system or pattern here, so you'll just have to remember them.</p>	
<p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good = better • bad = worse • far = farther (further) • well = better • badly = worse • little = less 	<p><i>Examples:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good = the best • bad = the worst • far = the farthest (the furthest) • well = the best • badly = the worst • little = the least