

## Comparatives and Superlatives

Here are some basic rules for spelling comparatives and superlatives:

<b>Rule 1 - one syllable adjectives or adverbs:</b>	
<b>Comparatives</b>	<b>Superlatives</b>
Simply add -er	Use THE and add -est
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• smart = smarter</li> <li>• young = younger</li> <li>• fast = faster</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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>
<b>Rule 1B - One syllable adjectives with a <u>C</u>onsonant-<u>V</u>owel-<u>C</u>onsonant Pattern:</b>	
If the adjective has a CVC pattern, <u>double</u> the consonant and add -er.	If the adjective has a CVC pattern, <u>double</u> the consonant and add -est. Don't forget THE!
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wet = wetter</li> <li>• big = bigger</li> <li>• sad = sadder</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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>
<b>Rule 3 - Adjectives or adverbs with two or more syllables (not ending in Y):</b>	
Use MORE	Use THE MOST
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• famous = more famous</li> <li>• interesting = more interesting</li> <li>• carefully = more carefully</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• famous = the most famous</li> <li>• interesting = the most interesting</li> <li>• carefully = the most carefully</li> </ul>

#### 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...

<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• good = better</li><li>• bad = worse</li><li>• far = farther (further)</li><li>• well = better</li><li>• badly = worse</li><li>• little = less</li></ul>	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• good = the best</li><li>• bad = the worst</li><li>• far = the farthest (the furthest)</li><li>• well = the best</li><li>• badly = the worst</li><li>• little = the least</li></ul>
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### COMPARATIVES

- 1) Sarah's house is \_\_\_\_\_ than Shannon's house. (large)
  - 2) Watching TV makes me \_\_\_\_\_ than cleaning my room. (happy)
  - 3) Today I was \_\_\_\_\_ than I was yesterday. (sad)
  - 4) Driving a car is \_\_\_\_\_ than jumping out of an airplane. (dangerous)
  - 5) The red sweater is \_\_\_\_\_ than the blue sweater. (comfortable)
  - 6) The red sweater is \_\_\_\_\_ than the blue sweater. (heavy)
  - 7) My cat Neko can run \_\_\_\_\_ than my other cat. (far)
  - 8) I am doing \_\_\_\_\_ on this quiz than on the last quiz! (well)
  - 9) Theresa is \_\_\_\_\_ at Volleyball than Tennis. (good)
  - 10) Finding half a worm in your apple is \_\_\_\_\_ than finding a whole worm. (bad)
  - 11) Cockroaches are definitely \_\_\_\_\_ than butterflies. (ugly)
  - 12) Monkeys and chimpanzees are \_\_\_\_\_ than birds. (big)
  - 13) The grass is \_\_\_\_\_ than the sidewalk. (wet)
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## SUPERLATIVES

Make sentences using superlatives using the following adjectives :

Ex:

sad -> the

My mother is the saddest person I know.

interesting -> the

The Trojan horse is the most interesting book I have read.

happy -> the

high -> the

sad -> the

busy -> the

bad -> the

small -> the

red -> the

pink -> the

fast -> the

peppy -> the

old -> the

soft -> the

wet-> the

young -> the

big -> the

respectful -> the

clean -> the

playful -> the

smart -> the

serious -> the

curious -> the

good -> the

funny -> the

well -> the

interesting -> the

fascinating -> the

famous -> the

far -> the

large -> the

ugly -> the

short -> the

tall -> the

badly -> the

salty -> the

heavy -> the

easy -> the

intelligent -> the

dangerous -> the

exciting -> the

cute -> the

adventurous -> the

comfortable -> the

disgusting -> the

studious -> the

active -> the

detailed -> the

careful -> the

pretty -> the

slow -> the

sweet -> the