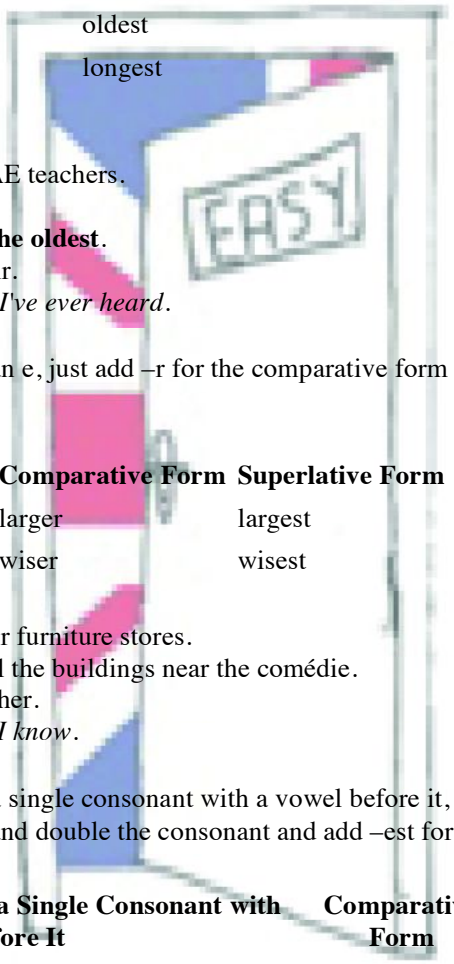
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COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE FORMS.

One-syllable adjectives. Form the comparative and superlative forms of a one-syllable adjective by adding –er for the comparative form and –est for the superlative.

One-Syllable Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
tall	taller	tallest
old	older	oldest
long	longer	longest



- Kat is **taller** *than* Jeanette.
- Dave is **the tallest** *of* all the EAE teachers.
- Jeanette is **older** *than* Jane.
- *Of* all the teachers, Jeanette is **the oldest**.
- My hair is **longer** *than* your hair.
- Your story is **the longest** *story I've ever heard*.

If the one-syllable adjective ends with an e, just add –r for the comparative form and –st for the superlative form.

One-Syllable Adjective with Final -e	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
large	larger	largest
wise	wiser	wisest

- Ikea stores are **larger** *than* other furniture stores.
- The Triangle is **the tallest** *of* all the buildings near the comédie.
- My sister is **wiser** *than* his brother.
- My father is **the wisest** *person I know*.

If the one-syllable adjective ends with a single consonant with a vowel before it, double the consonant and add –er for the comparative form; and double the consonant and add –est for the superlative form.

One-Syllable Adjective Ending with a Single Consonant with a Single Vowel before It	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
big	bigger	biggest
thin	thinner	thinnest
fat	fatter	fattest



Our turnover is **bigger** *than* theirs.

- Ikea has the **the biggest** turnover of all furniture stores.
- Jane is **thinner** *than* Jeanette.
- *Of* all the teachers, Jane is **the thinnest**.
- I am **fatter** *than* you.
- Mary is **the fattest** *person I've ever seen*.

Two-syllable adjectives With most two-syllable adjectives, you form the comparative with more and the superlative with most.

Two-Syllable Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
peaceful	more peaceful	most peaceful
pleasant	more pleasant	most pleasant
careful	more careful	most careful
thoughtful	more thoughtful	most thoughtful

- This morning is **more peaceful** *than* yesterday morning.
- The chalet in the mountains is **the most peaceful** *I have ever been to*.
- Dave is **more careful** *than* Mike.
- *Of* all the taxi drivers, Jack is **the most careful**.
- Olivia is **more thoughtful** *than* the other teachers.
- Olivia is **the most thoughtful** *person I've ever met*.

If the two-syllable adjectives ends with –y, change the *y* to *i* and add –er for the comparative form. For the superlative form change the *y* to *i and* add –est.

Two-Syllable Adjective Ending with -y	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
happy	happier	happiest
angry	angrier	angriest
busy	busier	busiest

- Seb is **happier** today *than* he was yesterday.
- Seb is **the happiest** boy *in* the world.
- Julie is **angrier** *than* Stephan.
- *Of* all of the victims, Julie is **the angriest**.
- Sabine is **busier** *than* Philippe.
- Sabine is **the busiest** *person I've ever met*.

Two-syllable adjectives ending in –er, -le, or –ow take –er and –est to form the comparative and superlative forms.

Two-Syllable Adjective Ending with -er, -le, or -ow	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
narrow	narrower	narrowest
gentle	gentler	gentlest

- The roads in this town are **narrower** *than* the roads in the city.
- This road is the **narrowest** *of* all the roads in Montpellier.
- Big dogs are **gentler** *than* small dogs.
- *Of* all the dogs in the world, English Mastiffs are **the gentlest**.

Adjectives with three or more syllables. For adjectives with three syllables or more, you form the comparative with more and the superlative with most.

Adjective with Three or More Syllables	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
generous	more generous	most generous
important	more important	most important
intelligent	more intelligent	most intelligent

- Dave is **more generous** *than* Jack.
- Dave is **the most generous** *of* all the people I know.
- Health is **more important** *than* money.
- *Of* all the people I know, My Mum is **the most important**.
- Women are **more intelligent** *than* men.
- Kat is **the most intelligent** *person I've ever met*.

Exceptions. Irregular adjectives.

Irregular Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
far	farther	farthest
little	less	least
many	more	most

- Italian food is **better** *than* American food.
- My dog is **the best** dog *in* the world.
- My mother's cooking is **worse** *than* your mother's cooking.
- *Of* all the students in the class, Jean is **the worst**.

Two-syllable adjectives that follow two rules. These adjectives can be used with -er and -est and with more and most.

Two-Syllable Adjective	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
clever	cleverer	cleverest
clever	more clever	most clever
gentle	gentler	gentlest
gentle	more gentle	most gentle
friendly	friendlier	friendliest
friendly	more friendly	most friendly
quiet	quieter	quietest
quiet	more quiet	most quiet
simple	simpler	simplest
simple	more simple	most simple

- Big dogs are **gentler** *than* small dogs.
- *Of* all the dogs in the world, English Mastiffs are **the gentlest**.
- Big dogs are **more gentle** *than* small dogs.
- *Of* all the dogs in the world, English Mastiffs are **the most gentle**.