

## Comparatives and Superlatives

Adjectives are used to describe nouns. If two nouns are being compared to one another, we use comparative adjectives. When comparing three or more nouns, we use superlative adjectives.

Adjective form	Comparative form	Superlative form
Only one syllable, ending in <b>E</b> . Examples: wide, fine, cute	Add <b>-r</b> : wider, finer, cuter	Add <b>-st</b> : widest, finest, cutest
Only one syllable, with one vowel and one consonant at the end. Examples: hot, big, fat	Double the consonant, and add <b>-er</b> : hotter, bigger, fatter	Double the consonant, and add <b>-est</b> : hottest, biggest, fattest
Only one syllable, with more than one vowel or more than one consonant at the end. Examples: light, neat, fast	Add <b>-er</b> : lighter, neater, faster	Add <b>-est</b> : lightest, neatest, fastest
Two syllables, ending in <b>Y</b> . Examples: happy, silly, lonely	Change <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> , then add <b>-er</b> : happier, sillier, lonelier	Change <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> , then add <b>-est</b> : happiest, silliest, loneliest
Two syllables or more, not ending in <b>Y</b> . Examples: modern, interesting, beautiful	Use <b>more</b> before the adjective: more modern, more interesting, more beautiful	Use <b>most</b> before the adjective: most modern, most interesting, most beautiful

**A. These adjectives don't follow the rules above. What are their comparative and superlative forms?**

good \_\_\_\_\_

bad \_\_\_\_\_

fun \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives below.**

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
cheap	cheaper	cheapest
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
pretty		
easy		
big		
light		
heavy		
fast		
reliable		
slow		
new		
dry		
happy		
old		
nice		
compact		
tasty		
bitter		
advanced		
suitable		
warm		

**C. Complete the questions and answers with comparatives and superlatives.**

1. A: What is the \_\_\_\_\_ place you've ever been to? (interesting)

B: \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever been to is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. A: What is \_\_\_\_\_ building you've ever been in? (tall)

B: \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever been in is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. A: Which is \_\_\_\_\_, the Sahara desert or the Gobi desert? (large)

B: The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. A: Who is \_\_\_\_\_, Lady Gaga or Madonna? (famous)

B: \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

5. A: Which country has a \_\_\_\_\_ population, China or India? (large)

B: \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_.

6. A: Which fruit has a \_\_\_\_\_ smell, bananas or a durians? (strong)

B: \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_.

7. A: What is \_\_\_\_\_ problem in the world today? (big)

B: The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

8. A: Which is \_\_\_\_\_, Mount Everest or K2? (high)

B: \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.



**D. Which one do you prefer? Explain your answers using comparative sentences.**

Which house would you choose and why?



A.  
\$300,000



B.  
\$75,000

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Which car is better and why?



A.  
\$50,000



B.  
\$15,000

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Which watch would you like to have and why?



A.  
\$400



B.  
\$75

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**E. Use the prompts to write a conversation using comparatives and superlatives.**

Two friends are at the shopping mall. One friend is looking to buy a new phone.

A: sees two phones and asks for their friend's opinion on the colour

B: says which colour they prefer and why

A: sees three more phones and asks which one is the best

B: says which one is the best and why

A: prefers another one because it looks good

B: agrees, but says that it is more expensive

A: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

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A: \_\_\_\_\_

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B: \_\_\_\_\_

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A: \_\_\_\_\_

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B: \_\_\_\_\_

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A: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B: \_\_\_\_\_

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