

# COMPARATIVE & SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

## Comparatives & Superlatives



**COMPARATIVE** A dog is **faster** than an elephant.

A comparative compares two things.

**SUPERLATIVE** The horse is **the fastest**. (of the three animals)

A superlative compares one thing to all the others in the same group.

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ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE Syllable Ending in -E	nice strange	<b>-R</b> nicer stranger <b>-ST</b> the nicest the strangest

**COMPARATIVE** Harry is **nicer** than Frank.

**SUPERLATIVE** Dean is **the nicest**.

Which is **the strangest**?



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ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE Syllable Consonant + Short Vowel + Consonant	Double the last consonant and add <b>-ER</b> bigger hotter	<b>-EST</b> the biggest the hottest

**COMPARATIVE** Monday was **hotter** than Sunday.

**SUPERLATIVE** Tuesday was **the hottest** day.



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ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
Common Exceptions	good bad	better worse the best the worst

**COMPARATIVE** You are a **better** singer than John.

**SUPERLATIVE** It was **the worst** decision she had ever made.



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## COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES

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The dog is **faster** than the elephant.

The horse is **the fastest**.

The horse is **bigger** than the dog.

The elephant is **the heaviest**.

The dog is **more energetic** than the elephant.



	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE syllable	fast young	<b>-ER</b> faster younger	<b>-EST</b> the fastest the youngest
ONE syllable Ending in -E	nice strange	<b>-R</b> nicer stranger	<b>-ST</b> the nicest the strangest
ONE syllable Consonant + Short Vowel + Consonant	big hot	Double the last consonant and add <b>-ER</b> bigger hotter	<b>-EST</b> the biggest the hottest
TWO syllables Ending in -Y	happy crazy	Remove the -Y and add <b>-IER</b> happier crazier	<b>-IEST</b> the happiest the craziest
TWO or MORE syllables	famous beautiful	<b>MORE +</b> more famous more beautiful	<b>THE MOST +</b> the most famous the most beautiful
Common Exceptions	good bad	<b>better</b> <b>worse</b>	<b>the best</b> <b>the worst</b>

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## PRACTICE

1. The  muscle in the body is the tongue. ( strong )
2. Nothing travels  than the speed of light . ( fast )
3. The blue whale is  creature in the animal kingdom. ( big )
4. The Tour de France is  cycle race in the world. ( famous )
5. It is a very  walk from my house to the shops. ( short )
6. Mount Everest is  mountain in the world. ( high )
7. Dolphins are  than sharks. ( intelligent )
8. The 'Guinness World Records' is one of  books in the world. (popular)
9. The Mona Lisa is  painting I've ever seen. ( beautiful )
10. The weather yesterday was  than it is today. ( bad )
11. This is  of the three books I bought. ( interesting )
12. Yesterday's test was  than today's test. ( difficult )
13. The air will be  than it was yesterday. ( clean )
14. John's wife has bought a very  fur coat. ( expensive )
15. Mary is  singer in the group. ( good )
16. India is one of  countries in the world. ( poor )
17. Those were  days of her life. ( happy )
18. This is my school. It's  building in our town. ( old )
19. My computer is  than yours. ( new )
20. My dad makes  chocolate cake in the world. ( good )