

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

Some adjectives compare nouns.

A **comparative adjective** compares two nouns. Usually, a comparative adjective is formed by adding *-er* to an adjective.

Example: tall → taller

A **superlative adjective** compares more than two nouns. Usually, a superlative adjective is formed by adding *est* to an adjective.

Example: short → shortest

If an adjective ends with *e*, drop the *e* and add *-er* or *-est*

Example: funny → funnier

If an adjective has a short vowel and ends with one consonant, double the consonant and add *-er* or *-est*.

If an adjective ends in a consonant + *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-er* or *-est*.

Example: mad → madder

If an adjective has two or more syllables, use *more*, *most*, *less*, or *least* before it.

Example: wonderful → most wonderful

Write the comparative and superlative forms of each adjective.

	Comparative	Superlative
1. happy		
2. wise		
3. fast		
4. great		
5. delicious		
6. interesting		
7. vibrant		
8. majestic		

Circle the correct form of the adjective in each sentence.

1. The (nearest, more near) restaurant is four miles away.
2. This hot chocolate is (hotter, most hot) than I like it.
3. My friend Pedro is the (most nice, nicest) person I know.
4. That movie was (funnier, funniest) than the one we watched last week.
5. This book is (intense, less intense) than its sequel.
6. This assignment is (harder, more hard) than yesterday's was.
7. The (best, more best) meals are those roasted above an open fire.
8. I was the (least excited, excited) of all my friends about going to the water park.
9. That batch of applesauce is (sweeter, more sweeter) than this batch.
10. Your head is (most protected, more protect) with a bike helmet.

Answer Key:

Write the comparative and superlative forms of each adjective.

	Comparative	Superlative
1. happy	happier	happiest
2. wise	wiser	wisest
3. fast	faster	fastest
4. great	greater	greatest
5. delicious	more delicious	most delicious
6. interesting	more interesting	most interesting
7. vibrant	more vibrant	most vibrant
8. majestic	more majestic	most majestic

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