

Comparatives & Superlatives

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fastest




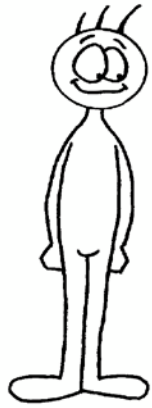
Forming regular comparatives and superlatives

- We use **comparatives** to **compare two things or two people**.
Ex: She is taller than her husband.
- **Superlatives** are used, however, to show **the difference between more than two things or more than two people**.
Ex: Paris is the biggest city in France

The rules to form comparatives and superlatives:

To form comparatives and superlatives you need to know the **number of the *syllables*** in the adjective.

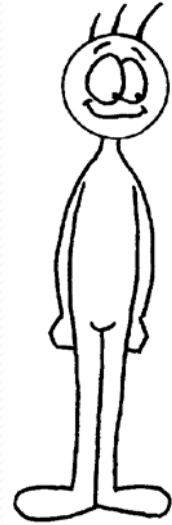
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- **1. One syllable adjective** — high, cheap, soft.
 - **Comparative** — 'er' is added
high**er**, cheap**er**, soft**er**.
 - **Superlative** — 'est' is added
high**est**, cheap**est**, soft**est**.



tall



taller



tallest

Exceptions

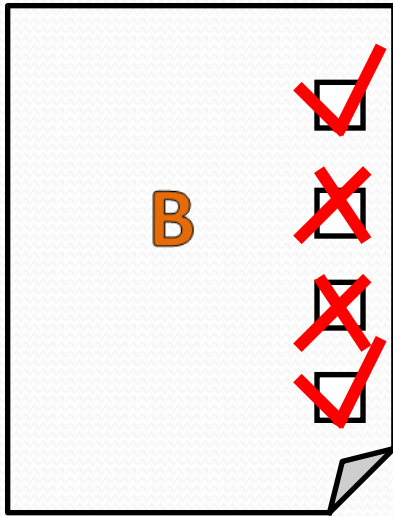
Adjectives ending in **one vowel and one consonant** — The consonant is doubled:

- Big – **bigger** – the **biggest**
- Hot – **hotter** – the **hottest**

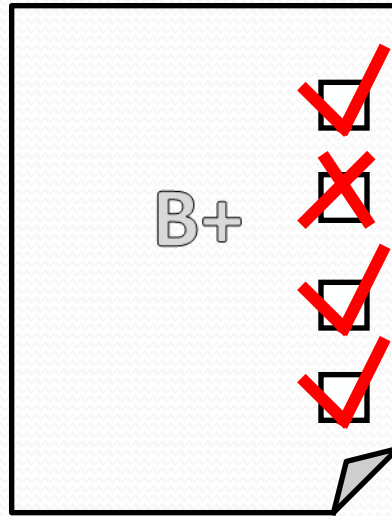
Adjectives ending in **'y'**

Comparative — Happy: **happier**

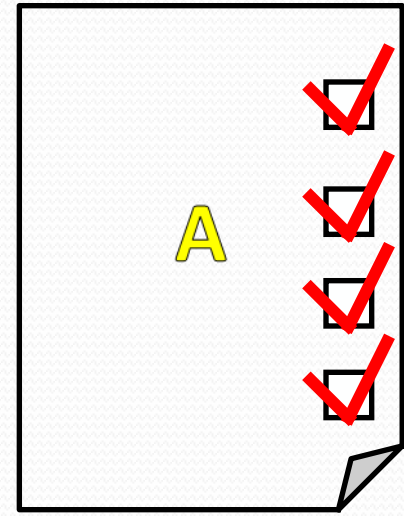
Superlative — Happy: **the happiest**



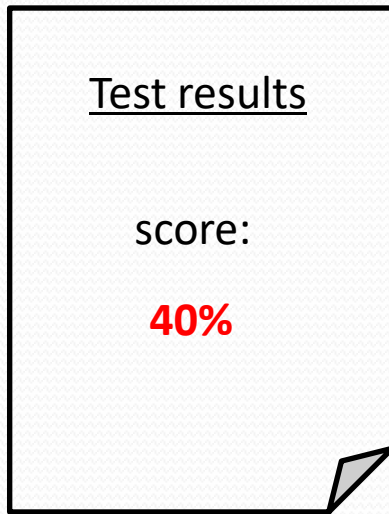
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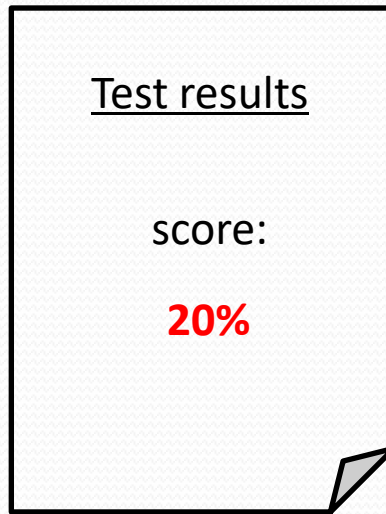
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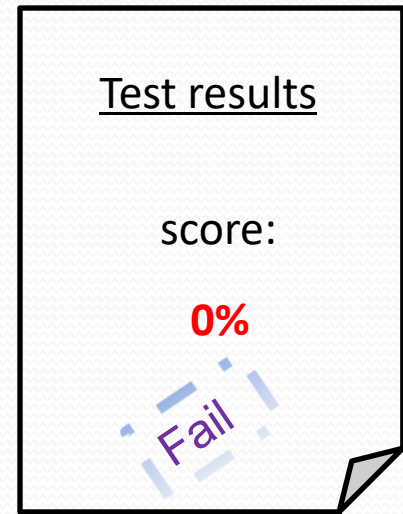
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bad




worse



worst

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- **2. Two syllable or more adjectives — exciting**
 - **Comparative — more ... than**
more exciting **than**
 - **Superlative — the most**
the most exciting

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- The Nile River is ----- (**long**) and ----- (**famous**) the Thames.
 - Egypt is much ----- (**hot**) Sweden.
 - Everest is ----- (**high**) mountain in the world.
 - This is one of ----- (**exciting**) films I have ever seen.

Similarities

- To express **similarities** we use the following structure:

as as

- She is **as** tall **as** her brother.
- Her hands were **as** cold **as** ice.

Extra material

- Lesson:

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/english-grammar-reference/comparative-and-superlative-adjectives>

- Online exercises:

<https://agendaweb.org/grammar/comparative-adjectives-exercises.html>

Video :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXiDoFdON7k>