

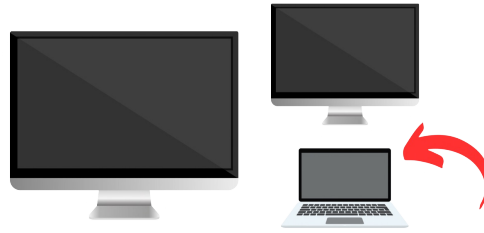
5 spelling rules for forming superlative adjectives

1. One-syllable adjectives

If an adjective has only one syllable, most of the time you can simply add the suffix **-est** to the end of the word without changing the spelling.

cool -> *cool**est***

small -> *small**est***



2. One-syllable adjectives ending in -e

You don't need to add another e if a one-syllable adjective already ends in -e. Just add **-st** to the end.

cute -> *cute**st***

free -> *free**st***

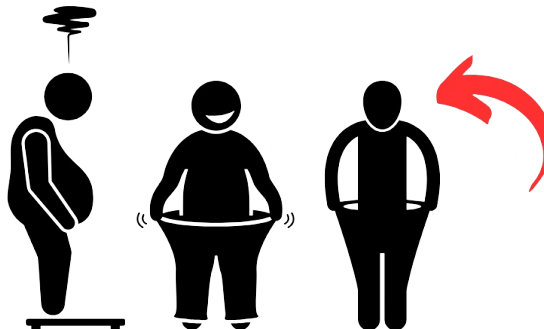


3. One-syllable adjectives ending in consonant-vowel-consonant

If the last three letters of a one-syllable adjective follow a consonant-vowel-consonant format, like big or thin, you have to **double the last consonant** and then add **-est**.

big -> *big**gest***

thin -> *thin**nest***



4. One- or two-syllable adjectives ending in -y

Adjectives with either one or two syllables have special spelling rules if they end in -y. To make the superlative, first change the y into an i and then add **-est**.

dry -> *dri**est***

likely -> *likeli**est***

