

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

1. Comparatives

To compare things/people/actions that are different. Is often followed by **than**.

FORM	
One syllable	+ -er
One syllable ending in -e	+ -r
One syllable ending in -y	-y → -ier
One syllable ending in vowel + consonant	Double last letter + -er
Two or more syllables	more/less + adjective
Good	Better
Bad	Worse
Little	Less
Far	farther/further
Many, much	More
Regular adverbs	more/less + adverb
Well	Better
Near	Nearer
Badly	Worse
Late	Later
Fast	Faster
Early	Earlier

2. Superlatives

To compare one member of a group of things/people/actions with the whole group. We usually use **the** before the superlative form.

FORM	
One syllable	+ -est
One syllable ending in -e	+ -st
One syllable ending in vowel + consonant	Double last letter + -est
Two syllables ending in -y	-y → -iest
Good	Best
Little	Least
Many, much	Most

Bad	Worst
Far	Farthest, furthest
Regular adverbs	most/least + adverb
Well	Best
Late	Latest
Near	Nearest
Fast	Fastest
Badly	Worst
Early	Earliest