

**A - Comparison with -er/-est** clean - cleaner - (the) cleanest

We use -er/-est with the following adjectives:

**1) Adjectives with one syllable**

positive	comparative	superlative
clean	cleaner	cleanest
new	newer	newest
cheap	cheaper	cheapest

**2) Adjectives with two syllables and the following endings:**

**2 - 1) Adjectives with two syllables, ending in -y**

positive	comparative	superlative
dirty	dirtier	dirtiest
easy	easier	easiest
happy	happier	happiest
pretty	prettier	prettiest

**2 - 2) Adjectives with two syllables, ending in -er**

positive	comparative	superlative
clever	cleverer	cleverest

**2 - 3) Adjectives with two syllables, ending in -le**

positive	comparative	superlative
simple	simpler	simplest

**2 - 4) Adjectives with two syllables, ending in -ow**

positive	comparative	superlative
narrow	narrower	narrowest

**3) Spelling of the adjectives using the endings -er/-est**

positive	comparative	superlative	comment
large	larger	largest	leave out the silent -e

big	bigger	biggest	Double the consonant after short vowel
sad	sadder	saddest	
dirty	dirtier	dirtiest	Change -y to -i (consonant before -y)
shy	shyer	shyest	Here -y is not changed to -i. (although consonant before -y)

## B - Comparison with more - most

positive	comparative	superlative
difficult	more difficult	(the) most difficult

All adjectives with more than one syllable (except some adjectives with two syllables - see 2 - 1 to 2 - 4) **C - Irregular adjectives**

positive	comparative	superlative	comment
good	better	best	
bad	worse	worst	
much	more	most	uncountable nouns
many	more	most	countable nouns
little	less	least	
little	smaller	smallest	

## D - Special adjectives

Some adjectives have two possible forms of comparison (-er/est and more/most).

positive	comparative	superlative
clever	cleverer / more clever	cleverest / most clever
common	commoner / more common	commonest / most common
likely	likelier / more likely	likeliest / most likely
pleasant	pleasanter / more pleasant	pleasantest / most pleasant
polite	politer / more polite	politest / most polite
quiet	quieter / more quiet	quietest / most quiet
simple	simpler / more simple	simplest / most simple
stupid	stupider / more stupid	stupidest / most stupid
subtle	subtler / more subtle	subtlest / most subtle
sure	surer / more sure	surest / most sure

## Comparative

1. Apples are \_\_\_\_\_ than chips. (healthy)
2. Elephants are \_\_\_\_\_ (big) than bears.
3. Gold is \_\_\_\_\_ than silver. (expensive)
4. Bikes are \_\_\_\_\_ than cars. (slow)
5. In the last holidays I read a **good** book, but father gave me an even \_\_\_\_\_ one last weekend.
6. My friend is \_\_\_\_\_ than me. (tall)
7. Sandy is \_\_\_\_\_ than Tamara. (thin)
8. My father is \_\_\_\_\_ than Tom's father. (strong)
9. "Harry Potter "books are \_\_\_\_\_ than "The Book of the Jungle". (interesting)
10. The tiger is \_\_\_\_\_ than a fox .(heavy)
11. The weather is \_\_\_\_\_ than yesterday . (hot)
12. The girls are \_\_\_\_\_ than the boys. (happy)
13. Berta is \_\_\_\_\_ than Debby.(beautiful)
14. French is \_\_\_\_\_ than English. (difficult)
15. Tina is 5 years old. Sandra is 10 years old. Sandra is \_\_\_\_\_ than Lina.(old)
16. Russia is \_\_\_\_\_ than France. (large)
17. I am \_\_\_\_\_ at maths than my best friend (bad)
18. Love is \_\_\_\_\_ than money.(important)
19. His car is \_\_\_\_\_ than mine. (cheap)
20. The first movie is \_\_\_\_\_ than the second. I don't recommend it. (boring)
21. We live in a **small** house, but my grandparents' house is even \_\_\_\_\_ than ours.
22. Stan is a **successful** sportsman, but his sister is \_\_\_\_\_ than Stan.