



# Comparative and Superlative

Grammar

## FORMING THE COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE

"er" = more → comparative

"est" = most → superlative

### Comparative **"er"**

Big → Bigger

### Superlative **"est"**

Big → Biggest

### Comparative **"more"**

Important → More important

### Superlative **"most"**

Important → Most important

## We use "er" for comparative and "est" for superlative (one or two syllables):

- *cheap → cheaper than → the cheapest*
- *fast → faster than → the fastest*
- *large → larger than → the largest*
- *lucky → luckier than → the luckiest*
- *early → earlier than → the earliest*
- *easy → easier than → the easiest*

<i>Than → que (comparative)</i>
<i>Then → então, depois</i>
<i>That → que</i>

## We use "more" for comparative and "most" for superlative (two syllables or more):

- *Intelligent → more intelligent than → the most intelligent*
- *Expensive → more expensive than → the most expensive*

## One syllable with the spelling **consonant + vowel + consonant (CVC)** double the final consonant:

- *fat → fatter than → the fattest*
- *big → bigger than → the biggest*
- *sad → sadder than → the saddest*

## IRREGULAR COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

These adjectives have irregular comparative and superlative forms:

- *good → better than → the best*
- *bad → worse than → the worst*
- *far → further | farther than → the furthest | farthest*

## Exercise

### 1) Choose the correct option.

- a) Can't you think of anything (\_\_\_\_\_) to say?  
1) more intelligent      2) intelligenter      3) intelligentest      4) most intelligent
- b) Well, the place looks (\_\_\_\_\_) now.  
1) cleaner      2) more clean      3) cleanest      4) most clean
- c) You need to draw it (\_\_\_\_\_).  
1) more carefully      2) carefullier      3) carefulliest      4) most carefully
- d) The weather is getting (\_\_\_\_\_).  
1) more good      2) gooder      3) better      4) best

### 2) Write the correct forms.

- a) They've made these chocolate bars \_\_\_\_\_ *smaller* \_\_\_\_\_. (*small*)
- b) Sport is \_\_\_\_\_ *more interesting* \_\_\_\_\_ **than** politics. (*interesting*)
- c) You're **the** \_\_\_\_\_ person I know. (*lucky*)
- d) The situation is getting \_\_\_\_\_. (*difficult*)
- e) I was \_\_\_\_\_ in my old job. (*happy*)
- f) I've got **the** \_\_\_\_\_ office. (*small*)
- g) This photo is **the** \_\_\_\_\_. (*good*)
- h) I feel \_\_\_\_\_ **than** I did yesterday. (*bad*)
- i) This game is \_\_\_\_\_ **than** the last one. (*exciting*)
- j) The prices are \_\_\_\_\_ here compared to the other store. (*low*)

### 3) Complete with the irregular forms.

Put in *further, furthest, better, best, worse* and *worst*. Matthew and Emma are walking in the country.

**Emma:** I'm not used to country walks. How much \_\_\_\_\_ is it?

**Matthew:** Not far. And it gets better. We've done **the** \_\_\_\_\_ part. Look, the path gets easier. It goes downhill from here. I hope you're feeling \_\_\_\_\_ now, Emma.

**Emma:** I feel horrible, actually, \_\_\_\_\_ **than** before.

**Matthew:** Oh, dear. Do you want to have a rest?

**Emma:** No, **the** \_\_\_\_\_ thing would be to get home, as soon as we can.

I'm not very fit, you know. This is **the** \_\_\_\_\_ I've walked for a long time.