

# Making Comparisons

How do we compare one thing with two or more other things? In English, we use the comparative and the superlative with adjectives, adverbs and nouns.

## Comparing Objects Using Adjectives and Adverbs

<i>Simple</i>	<i>Comparative</i>	<i>Superlative</i>
small	smaller	smallest
big	bigger	biggest
good	better	best
slow	_____	_____
fast	_____	_____
tall	_____	_____

Example: His new apartment is so small/big!

Example: Your old apartment is smaller/bigger than your last one.

Example: Your living room is the smallest/biggest of all the other living rooms in this building.

## Comparing Objects Using Nouns

### For Count Nouns

<i>Comparative</i>	<i>Superlative</i>
more	the most
fewer	the fewest

Our old house had more/fewer bathrooms than our last one.

This townhouse has the fewest/the most windows of all the townhouses on our block.

### For Non-Count Nouns

<i>Comparative</i>	<i>Superlative</i>
more	the most
less	the least

Our new farm has more/less land than our old one.

Your condominium gets the least/the most sunlight.

## Spelling Rules for Short Adjectives and Adverbs

Rule	Simple	Comparative	Superlative
Add <i>-er</i> and <i>-est</i> to short adjectives	tall fast	taller faster	tallest fastest
For adjectives that end in <i>y</i> , change <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> and add <i>-er</i> and <i>-est</i>	easy happy	easier happier	easiest happiest
For adjectives that end in <i>e</i> , add <i>-r</i> and <i>-st</i>	nice late	nicer later	nicest latest
For words ending in consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final consonant, then add <i>-er</i> and <i>-est</i> . <b>Exception:</b> Do not double the final <i>w</i> : new, newer, newest	big sad	bigger sadder	biggest saddest