

comparative adjectives

	adjective	comparative
1	cheap	cheaper
2	big	bigger
3	brave	braver
4	happy	happier
5	ambitious	more ambitious
6	good	better

1. General Rule: short adjs (1 or 2 syllables)

adj + er

eg. smaller

Spelling variations:

2. adjs ending in **c.v.c.** (c = consonant; v = vowel), double last **c** and add **er**

eg. fat (f=c, a=v, t=c) fatter

3. adjs ending in 'e', add **r**

eg. stranger

4. adjs ending in **c + y**. Change 'y' to 'i' and add **er**

eg. lucky – luckier

5. long adjs (2 or more syllables)

more + adj

eg. more dangerous

6. IRREGULAR Adjs

good better

bad worse

far farther

OR further

comparative and superlative adjectives

	adjective	comparative	superlative
1	cheap	cheaper	the cheapest
2	big	bigger	the biggest
3	brave	braver	the bravest
4	happy	happier	the happiest
5	ambitious	more ambitious	the most ambitious
6	good	better	the best

1. General Rule: short adjs (1 or 2 syllables)

adj + er/ + est

eg. smaller/ smallest

Spelling variations:

2. adjs ending in **c.v.c.** (c = consonant; v = vowel), double last **c** and add **er/ est**

eg. fat (f=c, a=v, t=c) fatter/ fattest

3. adjs ending in 'e', add **r/ st**

eg. stranger / strangest

4. adjs ending in **c + y**. Change 'y' to 'i' and add **er/ est**

eg. lucky – luckier/ luckiest

5. long adjs (2 or more syllables)

more + adj / most + adj

eg. more dangerous/ most dangerous

6. IRREGULAR Adjs

good better best

bad worse worst

far farther / 'fɑ:ðə/ farthest

OR **further** /'fɜːðə/ **furthest**

farther / *further* are interchangeable when referring to distance

eg. I live *further/farther* away from school than you.

BUT: For *further* information, contact us on 070 123 345.

further information = more / extra information **Do not use *farther***

Comparative structures (comparing 2 things, people, places, etc.)

- comparative adj/adv + than

Bob is shorter than Kevin.

- as + adj/adv + as

My sister is as tall as me. (same)

- not so/as + adj/adv + as

I can't run so/as fast as Usain Bolt. (different)



Stuart, Kevin and Bob

Superlative structures (3 or more)

- the + superlative adj/adv ...

+ IN or OF -

in the world/the class/the country (singular word referring to place or group)

of all/ of them all/ of the year (plurals, time periods)



Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?

Modifying adjectives

a big difference	a little difference
a lot	a bit/ a little bit/ a tiny bit
much	slightly
far	
way (slang)	

A Ferrari is a lot faster than a FIAT 500.

much

far

way

My sister is a bit taller than me.

a little bit

a tiny bit

slightly