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# Comparative and superlative adjectives

## Test it

1 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

My train arrives lateer than yours.

*later*.....

a My brother is intelligenter than I am.

.....

b The blue whale is the animal the biggest.

.....

c *Iceland is colder England.*

.....

d Neeraj is more kind than Zoya.

.....

e This is the most good film I've ever seen!

.....

f Which skyscraper is the highest of the world?

.....

g *Jai finds French easier to learn than German.*

.....

h Today was the hottest day of the year.

.....

i Sonia is the more beautiful person I've met.

.....

j These are ugliest shoes in the shop.

.....

2 Write the comparative and superlative forms of these adjectives.

	comparative	superlative
good	<i>better</i> .....	<i>the best</i> .....
a nasty	.....	.....
b nice	.....	.....
c handsome	.....	.....
d wet	.....	.....
e far	.....	.....

GO to page 32 and check your answers.





## Fix it

### Answers to Test it

Check your answers. Wrong answer?

Read the right Fix it note to find out why.

- 1**
- lateer later → **A**
  - a intelligenter more intelligent → **B**
  - b ~~the animal the biggest~~  
the biggest animal → **G**
  - c colder colder than → **F**
  - d ~~more kind-~~ kinder → **A**
  - e ~~most good-~~ best → **D**
  - f ~~of the world~~  
in the world → **E**
  - g easier easier → **B**
  - h hottest hottest → **C**
  - i more most → **B**
  - j ugliest- the ugliest → **F**
- 2**
- better, the best → **D**
  - a nastier, the nastiest → **B**
  - b nicer, the nicest → **A**
  - c more handsome,  
the most handsome → **B**
  - d wetter, the wettest → **C**
  - e further, the furthest → **D**

Now go to page 31. Test yourself again.

### Answers to Test it again

- 1**
- a **B** b **A** c **A** d **B** e **B**
  - f **B** g **A** h **B** i **B** j **A**
- 2**
- a ~~more good-~~ better
  - b ~~best of~~ the best in
  - c ~~the discovery~~ the greatest  
the greatest discovery
  - d older oldest



### Fix it notes

- A** Make the comparative and superlative of one-syllable adjectives ending in *e* by adding *r* and *st*. For other one-syllable adjectives add *er* and *est*.
- B** Make the comparative and superlative of two-syllable adjectives ending in *y* by changing *y* to *i* and adding *er* and *est*. For other two-syllable adjectives and longer adjectives, add *more* and *the most* before the adjective.
- C** Double the last letter of adjectives that end in one vowel + one consonant, then add *er* and *est*.
- D** Some adjectives have irregular comparative and superlative forms.
- E** After a superlative use *in* (not *of*) with a singular word for a place or a group.
- F** Use *than* after a comparative adjective and *the* before a superlative adjective.
- G** Put comparative and superlative adjectives before the noun.

For more information, see the Review page opposite.

### **i** Review

#### Comparative and superlative adjectives

- You make the comparative and superlative of one-syllable adjectives ending in *e* by adding *r* and *st*. You make the comparative and superlative of other one-syllable adjectives by adding *er* and *est*.

*nice*      *nicer*      *the nicest*      *fast*      *faster*      *the fastest*

- You need to double the last letter of adjectives that end in one vowel + one consonant, then add *er* and *est*.

*big*      *bigger*      *the biggest*      *hot*      *hotter*      *the hottest*  
*fat*      *fatter*      *the fattest*      *thin*      *thinner*      *the thinnest*

- You make the comparative and superlative of two-syllable adjectives ending in *y* by changing *y* to *i* and adding *er* and *est*.

*easy*      *easier*      *the easiest*      *tasty*      *tastier*      *the tastiest*

- You make the comparative and superlative of other two-syllable adjectives and longer adjectives by adding *more* and *the most* before the adjective.

*boring*      *more boring*      *the most boring*  
*interesting*      *more interesting*      *the most interesting*

- Some adjectives have an irregular comparative and superlative form. You need to learn these.

*good*      *better*      *the best*      *far*      *further*      *the furthest*  
*bad*      *worse*      *the worst*      *little*      *less*      *the least*  
*much/many*      *more*      *the most*

- You use *than* after a comparative adjective and *the* before a superlative adjective.  
*You're taller than me.*    *Uday is the tallest in the class.*
- You put the comparative or superlative adjective before (not after) the noun.  
*The elephant is the biggest land animal.*    NOT    ~~...the land animal the biggest.~~

**Note:** You don't use *of* with a singular word for a place or a group, e.g. *the world*, *the class*, *the team*. You use *in*. This is a very common mistake.

*Is the cheetah the fastest animal in the world?*    NOT    ~~...of the world.~~

*Ria is the best student in the class.*    NOT    ~~...of the class.~~