

Adjectives can make comparisons.

- **Comparative**—Most adjectives add **er** to compare two nouns. Some adjectives with two or more syllables use **more** or **less**.

*Snakes are usually **longer** than worms.*

*Margo was **more graceful** than her sister.*

- **Superlative**—Most adjectives add **est** to compare three or more nouns. Some adjectives with two or more syllables use **most** or **least**.

*That car is the **noisiest** vehicle on the block.*

*Steve was the **most excited** player at the awards ceremony.*

Find Comparisons

**Rule
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Read the paragraphs below. Write a **C** above all comparative adjectives.
Write an **S** above all superlative adjectives.

Jesse Owens was one of the greatest athletes this world has ever seen. His performance in track-and-field events left his fans most excited. In the 1935–1936 season, there were no faster runners or higher jumpers to be found. Jesse Owens broke three world records that year. For many of his competitors in the 1936 Olympics, Jesse Owens was the most feared. They were right to think Jesse Owens was the best athlete. He came away from the games with four gold medals!

The Colorado Rockies can experience the most abrupt weather changes. The hottest and driest summer day can be followed by a cold evening of snow. Thunderstorms, with thunder louder than an explosion, can appear quite suddenly. The heaviest rain shower can yield to the brightest rays of sunlight and the prettiest rainbow in minutes. Residents of the Rockies are always ready for the best and the worst weather conditions!

Make Comparisons

Write the correct adjective in each sentence. Add **er**, **est**, **more**, or **most**. When you are finished, go back and write a **C** over every comparative adjective and an **S** over every superlative adjective. Remember that comparative adjectives compare two nouns, and superlative adjectives compare three or more nouns.

1. Mark is _____ than Steve.
(tall)
2. That is the _____ story I've ever heard!
(funny)
3. Lee was the _____ person at camp.
(homesick)
4. The mall is the _____ place in town every Saturday afternoon.
(busy)
5. My grandfather is the _____ person I know.
(kind)
6. It is _____ in the house than in the garage.
(warm)
7. You need to be _____ when you play with a baby
(careful)
than with someone your own age.
8. Mrs. Gee is the _____ person in town.
(old)

Name _____

Write with Comparisons



Use the following adjectives in sentences of your own.

happy happier happiest

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

fascinating more fascinating most fascinating

- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

quiet quieter quietest

- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____