

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

One syllable

cheap	cheaper	the cheapest
large	larger	the largest
long	longer	the longest
* new	newer	the newest
* nice	nicer	the nicest
* old	older	the oldest
short	shorter	the shortest
* small	smaller	the smallest
tall	taller	the tallest
* young	younger	the youngest

One syllable ending in vowel-consonant

* big	bigger	the biggest
fat	fatter	the fattest
hot	hotter	the hottest
sad	sadder	the saddest

Two or more syllables

* beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
comfortable	more comfortable	the most comfortable
crowded	more crowded	the most crowded
* expensive	more expensive	the most expensive

Ending in y

* friendly	friendlier	the friendliest
heavy	heavier	the heaviest
pretty	prettier	the prettiest

Irregular adjectives

* good	better	best
bad	worse	the worst

Spelling Rules (comparative):

For adjectives with one syllable, add -er, -r

old -> older, nice -> nicer

For adjectives with one syllable ending in a vowel-consonant pair, double the consonant and add -er.

big -> bigger

For adjectives with two or more syllables, add more.

expensive -> more expensive

For adjectives ending in -y, change y to i and add -er.

pretty -> prettier

Spelling Rules (superlative):

For adjectives with one syllable, add the before the adjective and add -est, or -st.

old -> the oldest, nice -> the nicest

For adjectives with one syllable ending in a vowel-consonant pair, add the, double the consonant and add -est.

big -> the biggest

For adjectives with two or more syllables, add the most.

expensive -> the most expensive

For adjectives ending in -y, add the, change y to i and add -est.

pretty -> the prettiest