

General English Language

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Elements of the lecture

- Comparatives and Superlatives



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What is a noun?

Noun is a word which refers to a thing, person, activity, place etc.



car



reading



street

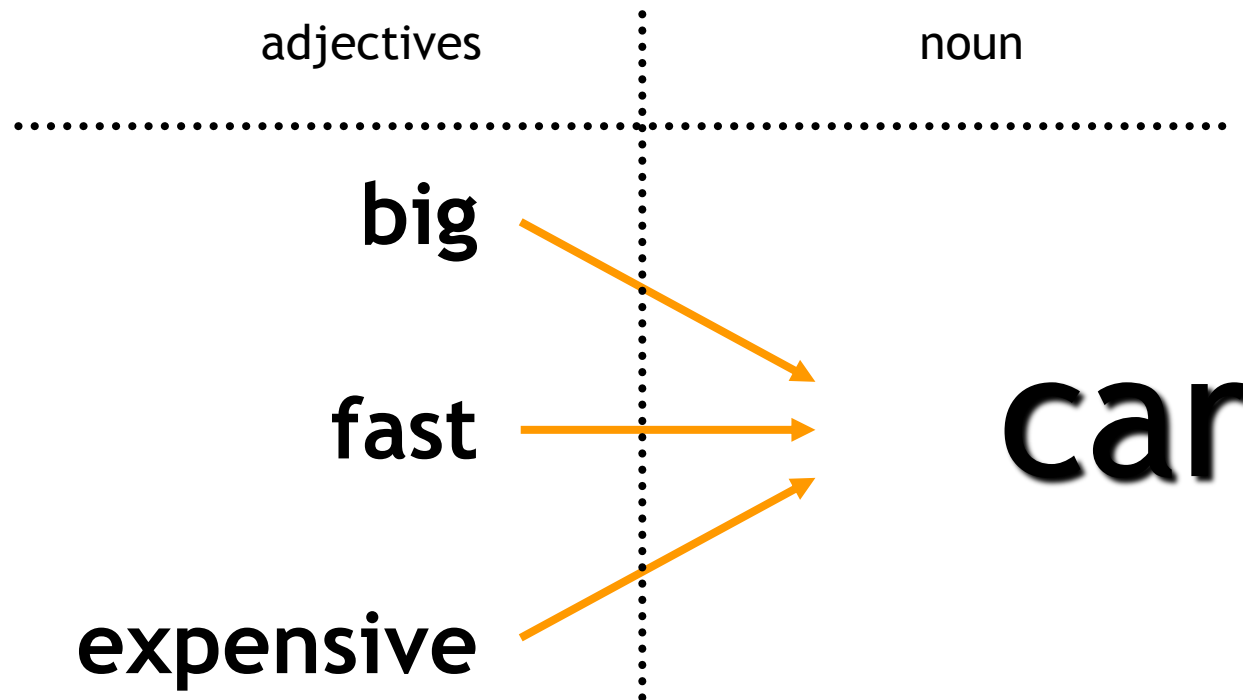


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What is an adjective?

Adjective is a word which describes a noun



Examples of Adjectives



large

The first apple is large.



larger

The second apple is larger than the first.



largest

The third apple is the largest of the three.





The jalopy is a fast car.

The racecar is faster than the jalopy .

The dragster is the fastest car of all.



What is a syllable?

Syllable is a part of a word containing a vowel sound

read ing

read ing

1st syllable

2nd syllable



Syllables – examples

1. One-syllable adjectives

→ **fast big cheap long**

2. Two-syllable adjectives

→ **hap py cra zy dir ty**

3. Three-syllable adjectives

→ **im por tant won der ful**



LET'S START 😊

Adjectives and adverbs are words that modify other words. The **comparative form** of an adjective or adverb compares two things. The **superlative form** of an adjective or adverb compares three or more things.



What is a “comparative form”?

Comparative form expresses the idea of ‘more’

fast-er

My car is fast.

But his car is faster
than my car.



“Comparative form”?

How is a ‘comparative’ form built?

one syllable adjectives

long er

two syllable adjectives
ending in -ly

funny ier

other two and three syllable
adjectives

more modern

irregular adjectives
for example ‘good’

better



What is a “superlative form”?

Comparative form expresses the idea of ‘most’

fast-est

**My car is fast.
Your car is fast.**

But his car is the fastest.



“Superlative form”?

How is a ‘superlative’ form built?

one syllable adjectives

long **est**

two syllable adjectives
ending in -ly

funny **iest**

other two and three syllable
adjectives

most **modern**

irregular adjectives
for example ‘good’

best



Summary comparison

	comparative	superlative
long	long er	long est
funny	funn ier	funn iest
modern	more modern	most modern
good	better	best



To make comparative and superlative forms of adjectives some rules must be followed.



Rule 1

To form the comparative or superlative of one syllable words with **more than one vowel** OR **ending in more than one consonant** add **-er** OR **-est**.

tall	Taller than	The tallest
neat	neater	neatest
deep	deeper	deepest



Rule 2

To form the comparative or superlative of a **one syllable word ending in e** **add -r OR -st.**

wide <u>e</u>	wider <u>e</u>	widest <u>e</u>
fine <u>e</u>	finer <u>e</u>	finest <u>e</u>
cute <u>e</u>	cuter <u>e</u>	cutest <u>e</u>



Rule 3

To form the comparative or superlative of a one syllable word with **one vowel and one consonant at the end** double the consonant, and **add -er OR -est**.

sad	sadder	saddest
big	bigger	biggest
fat	fatter	fattest



Rule 4

To form the comparative or superlative of a **two syllable word ending in y**, change the y to i, then add -er OR -est.

happy	happier	happiest
jolly	jollier	jolliest
lazy	lazier	laziest



Rule 5

To form the comparative or superlative of a **two syllable word ending in a vowel-sound that is not stressed** then add -er OR -est.

Adjectives ending in -le, -ow, er frequently take -er and -est.

yellow	yellower	yellowest
gentle	gentler	gentlest
simple	simpler	simplest



Rules at a Glance

Adjective form	Comparative	Superlative
Only one syllable, with more than one vowel or more than one consonant at the end. Examples: <i>light, neat, fast, tall, neat, deep</i>	Add -er: <i>lighter, neater, faster, taller, neater, deeper</i>	Add -est: <i>lightest, neatest, fastest, tallest. neatest, deepest</i>
Only one syllable, ending in E. Examples: <i>wide, fine, cute</i>	Add -r: <i>wider, finer, cuter</i>	Add -st: <i>widest, finest, cutest</i>
Only one syllable, with one vowel and one consonant at the end. Examples: <i>hot, big, fat, sad</i>	Double the consonant, and add -er: <i>hotter, bigger, fatter, sadder</i>	Double the consonant, and add -est: <i>hottest, biggest, fattest, saddest</i>
Two syllables, ending in Y. Examples: <i>happy, silly, lonely, jolly</i>	Change y to i, then add -er: <i>happier, sillier, lonelier, jollier</i>	Change y to i, then add -est: <i>happiest, silliest, loneliest, jolliest</i>
two syllable word ending in a vowel-sound that is not stressed <i>yellow, simple</i>	Add -er: <i>yellower, simpler</i>	Add -est: <i>yellower, simpler</i>
Two syllables or more, not ending in Y. Examples: <i>modern, interesting, beautiful,</i>	Use more before the adjective: <i>more modern, more interesting, more beautiful</i>	Use most before the adjective: <i>most modern, most interesting, most beautiful</i>



NOTE: Like adjectives some adverbs can take comparative and superlative forms, with -er and -est:



Sally works hard.



Steve works harder than Sally



Kathy and Sue work the hardest of all.





The bird sings loudly.

The moose sang louder than the bird.

Pete sang the loudest of them all.



List of Adverbs in Which -er and -est May Be Added

Adverb	Comparative	Superlative
fast	faster	fastest
slow	slower	slowest
quick	quicker	quickest
early	earlier	earliest
bright	brighter	brightest
high	higher	highest



However, the majority of adverbs do not take these endings. Instead, they form the comparative using more and the superlative using most:

Adverb

Comparative

Superlative

recently

more recently

most recently

effectively

more effectively

most effectively

frequently

more frequently

most frequently



Irregular Comparative and Superlative Adjectives and Adverbs

Some comparative and superlative forms are irregular and do not follow any rules or patterns. These must be memorized.



Irregular Adverbs

Word	Comparative	Superlative
badly	worse	worst
much	more	most
little	less	least
much	more	most
well	better	best



Irregular Adjectives

Word	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
much	more	most
little	less	least
far	farther	farthest
old	older elder	oldest eldest



Example:

Nathalie made a **good** stew.

Molly's stew was **better** than Nathalie's .

Ezra made the **best** stew of all.





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