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Learning Objective: Students will learn how to form and use comparative and superlative adjectives.

Adjectives can compare two things or more than two things. When we make these comparisons, we use **comparative and superlative** forms of adjectives.

An Adjective is a describing word

Comparative: is comparing two nouns, by adding **-er** and **than**, or the words **more** and **less**.

Examples: smaller, bigger, taller, more interesting, and less expensive.

Superlative: is ranking as the **highest** or **lowest** of three or more items by adding **-the** and **-est** or the words **the most**.

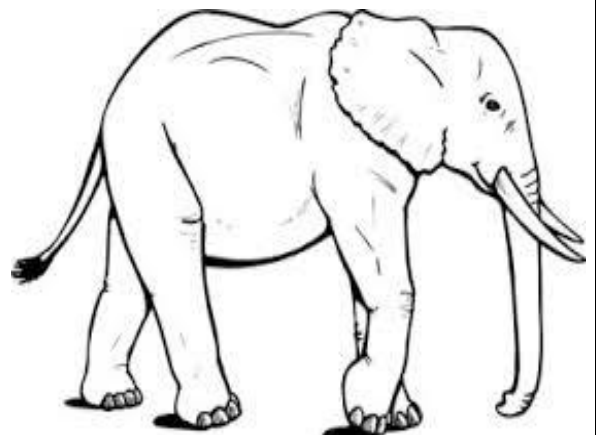
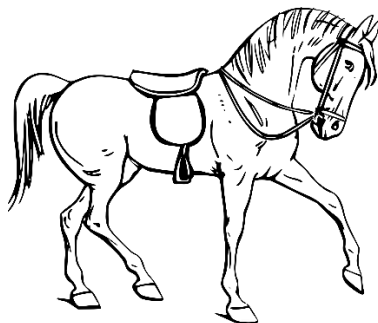
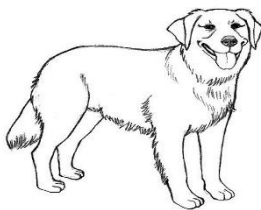
Examples: the smallest, the biggest, the tallest, the most interesting, and the least expensive.

For example:

The dog is **big**.

The horse is **bigger than** the dog.

The elephant is **the biggest** among the animals.



Comparative and Superlative

	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
One syllable		<i>Add er</i>	<i>Add est</i>
	quick old	quicker older	quickest oldest
One syllable – ending in e		<i>Add r</i>	<i>Add st</i>
	safe nice	safer nicer	safest nicest
One syllable – cvc		<i>Double last consonant and add er</i>	<i>Double last consonant and add est</i>
	big wet	bigger wetter	biggest wettest
Two syllables – ending in y		<i>Remove y and add ier</i>	<i>Remove y and add iest</i>
	heavy lovely	heavier lovelier	heaviest loveliest
Two or more syllables		<i>Use more</i>	<i>Use most</i>
	Famous Embarrassed	More famous More embarrassed	Most famous Most embarrassed
Irregular	good bad	better worse	best worst

Now complete the table below:

adjective	comparative	superlative
cute	cuter	cutest
short	shorter	shortest
small	smaller	smallest
thin	thinner	thinnest
busy	busier	busiest
wise	wiser	wisest
creative	more creative /less creative	most creative /least creative
popular	more popular / less popular	most popular / least popular
hot	hotter	hottest
far	farther / further	farthest / furthest
honest	more honest / less honest	most honest / least honest
beautiful	more beautiful/less beautiful	most beautiful/least beautiful
boring	more boring / less boring	most boring / least boring

Note: It's important to note that there are irregular adjectives that you have to memorize because they don't follow the rules.

adjective	comparative	superlative	examples
good	better	the best	I feel <u>better</u> today. He is <u>the best</u> reader in the class.
well	better	the best	He is still in hospital, but he is <u>better than</u> he was last week.
bad	worse	the worst	It wasn't <u>the worst</u> thing that could happen.
old	older	the oldest	Your grandfather is <u>older than</u> my grandfather.
	elder	The eldest	Jack is my <u>elder</u> brother.
little	less	the least	I have <u>less</u> marbles <u>than</u> him. This is <u>the least</u> I can do.
many	more	the most	I am <u>more responsible than</u> my brother.
much	more	the most	That is <u>the most</u> interesting book I have ever read.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of comparative or superlative adjectives.

- This painting is **more colourful** (colourful) than that one.
- Our car is the **faster** (fast) of all.
- Her lunch is **better** (good) than mine.
- Jennifer is **sleepier** (sleepy) than Mike.
- The sun is **brighter** (bright) than the moon.
- Oranges are **sweeter** (sweet) than grapefruits.
- Jill is the **quietest** (quiet) student in the room.
- Using a printer is **faster** (fast) than writing by hand.
- Black is the **darkest** (dark) of all the colors.
- I am the **eldest** (old) among my siblings.