

The Primary Stage of Grades (4-5) School Year 2022- 2023

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Subject: English Language
Spelling Worksheet #4

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Class: Grade 5CP (_____)

Objective: to spell comparative and superlative adjectives correctly

Comparatives and Superlatives

We use **Comparatives** and **Superlatives** to compare two or more nouns.

The formation of the comparative and superlative depends on the number of syllables in the adjective:

One-syllable Adjectives

To form the comparative, we add **-er** to the end of the adjective.

To form the superlative, we add **-est** to the end of the adjective.

| Adjective | Comparative | Superlative |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| small | smaller | the smallest |
| cold | colder | the coldest |
| light | lighter | the lightest |
| wide * | wider | the widest |
| hot ** | hotter | the hottest |

* When an adjective ends in the letter E, we just add the -R (for comparatives) or -ST (for superlatives). We do not write two Es together. **Wider** (correct) not wideer (incorrect).

** When an adjective ends in a consonant + short vowel + consonant (C + V + C), we normally double the last letter. big - **bigger** - **biggest**, wet - **wetter** - **wettest**

- London is **bigger than** Santiago.
- Mike is **taller than** John but James is **the tallest**.
- Yesterday was **the hottest** day of the year.
- It is **the oldest** building in the village.
- I want a **faster** car.



Notice how comparatives are often followed by **than** when comparing two things or people.

Two-syllable Adjectives ending in -Y

To form the comparative, we remove the -y and add **-ier** to the end of the adjective.

To form the superlative, we remove the -y and add **-iest** to the end of the adjective.



| Adjective | Comparative | Superlative |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| crazy | crazier | the craziest |
| happy | happier | the happiest |
| early | earlier | the earliest |

- It was **the happiest** day of my life.
- My joke was **funnier** than your one.
- This section is **easier** than the rest.

Adjectives with Two or more Syllables

For Adjectives with 2 syllables (that don't end in -y) and higher (3, 4 syllables etc), we use **more** for comparatives and **the most** for superlatives.

| Adjective | Comparative | Superlative |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| handsome | more handsome | the most handsome |
| nervous | more nervous | the most nervous |
| enthusiastic | more enthusiastic | the most enthusiastic |

- My girlfriend is **more beautiful** than yours.
- Alex is **more intelligent** than you but I am **the most intelligent**.
- It was **the most wonderful** day I have ever had.

Some exceptions with two-syllable adjectives ending in -er and -est:
 narrow - narrower, simple - simpler, quiet - quieter

Irregular Forms

| Adjective | Comparative | Superlative |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| good | better | the best |
| bad | worse | the worst |
| far *** | further / farther | the furthest / farthest |
| little | less | the least |
| many/much | more | the most |
| old **** | older/elder | the oldest / eldest |

- I am a **better** tennis player than you but Marcelo is **the best**.
- Steve is a **worse** liar than me but Adrian is **the worst**.



*** Farther - Further

Further / farther, furthest / farthest are all used for distance.

Only Further / furthest are used to mean 'additional' or 'more advanced'.

- Puerto Montt is **further / farther** than Valdivia is from here (in Santiago).
- If you require **further** information, please contact reception.

Remember that the opposites of 'more' and 'most' are 'less' and 'least', respectively.

**** Older - Eldest

We use **elder / eldest** when we are talking about family relationships and normally only before a noun (not by itself unless it is a pronoun).

- He is my **elder** brother. (We **cannot** say: My brother is elder than me. - incorrect)
- The **eldest** sister would pass on her dresses to the younger one.

Comparative and Superlative of ILL

When comparing how **ill** people are, you will normally hear **worse** or **the worst** and not "**illier** or **illest**". Some people may prefer to replace **ill** with **sick** (sicker, sickest) when comparing.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES



The dog is **faster** than the elephant.
 The horse is **the fastest**.
 The horse is **bigger** than the dog.
 The elephant is **the heaviest**.
 The dog is **more energetic** than the elephant.





| | ADJECTIVE | COMPARATIVE | SUPERLATIVE |
|--|---------------------|---|--|
| ONE syllable | fast young | -ER faster younger | -EST the fastest the youngest |
| ONE syllable Ending in -E | nice strange | -R nicer stranger | -ST the nicest the strangest |
| ONE syllable Consonant + Short Vowel + Consonant | big hot | Double the last consonant and add -ER bigger hotter | Double the last consonant and add -EST the biggest the hottest |
| TWO syllables Ending in -Y | happy crazy | Remove the -Y and add -IER happier crazier | Remove the -Y and add -IEST the happiest the craziest |
| TWO or MORE syllables | famous beautiful | MORE + more famous more beautiful | THE MOST + the most famous the most beautiful |
| Common Exceptions | good bad | better worse | the best the worst |



Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives below.

| adjective | comparative | superlative |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| tall | | |
| far | | |
| cheap | | |
| bad | | |
| expensive | | |
| fat | | |
| good | | |
| interesting | | |
| lazy | | |
| narrow | | |
| pretty | | |
| safe | | |
| beautiful | | |
| dangerous | | |



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|-------------|--|--|
| difficult | | |
| messy | | |
| boring | | |
| handsome | | |
| attractive | | |
| happy | | |
| delicious | | |
| short | | |
| useful | | |
| famous | | |
| easy | | |
| comfortable | | |
| lucky | | |
| ugly | | |
| quiet | | |
| warm | | |
| noisy | | |
| long | | |
| modern | | |



B. Complete the following sentences with the correct form (comparative or superlative) of the adjective provided.

- 1.- My sister is _____ my brother. (intelligent)
- 2.- The blue whale is _____ animal. (big)
- 3.- Iceland is _____ Spain (cold)
- 4.- This is _____ book I've ever read. (good)
- 5.- My neighbour is _____ person I know (lucky)
- 6.- Friday is the _____ day of the week. (busy)
- 7.- These trainers are much _____ those. (cheap)
- 8.- Frank works _____ most people. (hard)
- 9.- I'm _____ at English than you. (good)
- 10.- Today has been _____ day of the year. (hot)
- 11.- This is _____ CD I've ever listened. (bad)
- 12.- English is _____ Japanese. (easy)
- 13.- Which mountain is _____ in the world. (high)
- 14.- John is _____ his brother. (clever)
- 15.- English is _____ Latin. (useful)

16.- What is _____ word in English? (common)

17.- The Nile is _____ river in the world. (long)

18.- This is my _____ brother. Mary is their _____ daughter (old, old)

19.- That skyscraper is one of _____ buildings in the city. (tall)

20.- The first exercise was easy but this one is _____. (difficult)

