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# Comparative and Superlative Adjective Notes

Review:

- Remember, an adjective's job is to describe a noun (person, place, thing, or idea).
- An adjective is a <u>describing</u> word.

## Comparative Adjectives

- Purpose:
  - Comparative adjectives compare two nouns (people, places, things, or ideas)
  - Often use the word "<u>than</u>"
- How to form:
  - Add the suffix <u>-er</u> to the <u>end</u> of <u>1</u> syllable adjectives
    - EX: tall  $\rightarrow$  taller
    - EX: strong  $\rightarrow$  <u>stronger</u>
  - Add the suffix <u>--er</u> to the end of <u>2</u> syllable adjectives that end in -<u>y</u>.
    - EX: happy  $\rightarrow$  happier
    - EX: pretty  $\rightarrow$  <u>prettier</u>
  - Add the words "more" or "less" before adjectives with <u>2</u> syllables or more
    - EX: handsome  $\rightarrow$  more handsome
    - EX: embarrassed  $\rightarrow$  <u>less embarrassed</u>
  - Do <u>NOT</u> add –er <u>AND</u> use "more" or "less"
- Examples:

- cool → <u>cooler</u>
- hard → <u>harder</u>
- difficult  $\rightarrow$  more difficult
- crazy  $\rightarrow$  <u>crazier</u>
- nervous → <u>more nervous</u>
- Irregulars
  - good → <u>better</u>
  - bad → worse
  - far → <u>farther</u>
  - much → <u>more</u>
  - fun → more fun
- Practice:
  - My house is (big) <u>bigger</u> than yours.
  - This flower is (beautiful) <u>more beautiful</u> than that one.
  - This batch of cookies is (good ) <u>better</u> than that batch.

## Superlative Adjectives

- Purpose
  - Superlative adjectives <u>compare more</u> than <u>two nouns</u> (people, places, things, or ideas)
- How to form:
  - Add the suffix <u>—est</u> to the <u>end</u> of <u>1</u> syllable adjectives
    - EX: tall  $\rightarrow$  <u>tallest</u>
    - EX: strong  $\rightarrow$  <u>strongest</u>
  - Add the suffix <u>--est</u> to the end of <u>2</u> syllable adjectives that end in -<u>y</u>.
    - EX: happy  $\rightarrow$  <u>happiest</u>
    - EX: pretty  $\rightarrow$  <u>prettiest</u>
  - Add the words "most" or "least" before adjectives with <u>2</u> syllables or more
    - EX: handsome  $\rightarrow$  most handsome
    - EX: embarrassed  $\rightarrow$  <u>least</u> embarrassed
  - Do <u>NOT</u> add –est <u>AND</u> use "most" or "least"
- Examples:
  - cool → <u>coolest</u>
  - hard  $\rightarrow$  hardest
  - difficult  $\rightarrow$  most difficult
  - crazy → <u>craziest</u>
  - nervous → <u>most nervous</u>

### • Irregulars:

- good → <u>best</u>
- bad → <u>worst</u>
- far → <u>farthest</u>
- much → <u>most</u>
- fun → <u>most fun</u>

### • Practice

- My house is the (big) <u>biggest</u> house in the neighborhood.
- This flower is the (beautiful) most beautiful flower in the garden.
- This batch of cookies is the (good) <u>best</u> I've ever made.

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- Remember, an adjective's \_\_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ (person, place, thing, or idea).
- An adjective is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ word.

## Comparative Adjectives

- Purpose:
  - Comparative adjectives \_\_\_\_\_\_ (people, places, things, or ideas)
  - Often use the word "\_\_\_\_\_"
- How to form:
  - Add the suffix \_\_\_\_\_\_to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ syllable adjectives
    - EX: tall  $\rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_
    - EX: strong → \_\_\_\_\_
  - Add the suffix \_\_\_\_\_\_to the end of \_\_\_\_\_ syllable adjectives that end in \_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - EX: happy → \_\_\_\_\_
    - EX: pretty  $\rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - Add the words "\_\_\_\_\_" or "\_\_\_\_\_" before adjectives with \_\_\_\_\_"
    - syllables or \_\_\_\_\_
      - EX: handsome → \_\_\_\_\_
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		• EX: embarrassed →
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