

Adjectives

(comparatives and superlatives)

An **adjective** is a **describing** word.

When we compare **two** nouns we use a **comparative** adjective.

When we compare **three or more** nouns we use a **superlative** adjective.

The Moon is **big**. ← This is an **adjective**.

The Earth is **bigger**. ← This is a **comparative adjective**.
Many comparative adjectives end in **er**.

The Sun is the **biggest**. ← This is a **superlative adjective**.
Many superlative adjectives end in **est**.



Getting started

Copy and complete this table.

Adjective	Comparative adjective	Superlative adjective
	smaller	smallest
new	newer	
slow		slowest
	faster	
		wildest
hard		
		longest
soft		
		sharpest

Now try these

1. Write the comparative and superlative forms of each adjective. The first one in each group has been done to help you.

a) wise → **wiser** → **wisest**

b) brave c) safe d) strange e) tame f) white g) large

h) hot → **hotter** → **hottest**

i) big j) red k) sad l) wet m) thin n) slim

o) busy → **busier** → **busiest**

p) heavy q) noisy r) lucky s) pretty t) happy u) dry

2. Copy these sentences. Choose the correct comparative or superlative adjective to fill each gap.

a) A rhinoceros is fat. A hippo is _____
but an elephant is _____.

b) Ann is hungry. Kim is _____
but Sam is _____.

c) My rabbit is tame. My cat is _____
but my dog is _____.



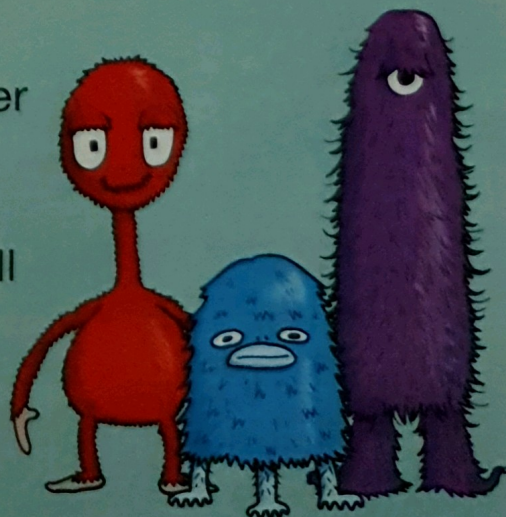
Practise your punctuation

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1. Punctuate these sentences correctly.

a) gorillas live in africa they are taller stronger fiercer and heavier than humans

b) the three aliens approached the red one was hairy and the blue one was hairier still but the purple one was the hairiest thing i have ever seen



2. Now underline the comparative adjectives and circle the superlative adjectives.