

COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES

	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
Short adjectives (One syllables)	Big Clean Cold nice	Bigger than Cleaner than Colder than Nicer than	The biggest The cleanest The coldest The nicest
Long adjectives (Three syllables)	Exciting Boring Beautiful Intelligent difficult	More exciting than More boring than More beautiful than More intelligent than More difficult than	The most exciting The most boring The most beautiful The most intelligent The most difficult
Irregular adjectives	Good Bad Far Little (Uncountable) Few (Countable) Much (Uncountable) Many (Countable)	Better than Worse than Further than Less ... than Fewer ... than More ... than More ... than	The best The worst The furthest The least The fewest The most The most

➤ Two-syllable Comparatives and superlatives

Some two-syllable adjectives are most frequently used with **more/less** and **most/least**:

- ✓ Participle adjectives ending **-ed -ing** Pleased – Worried – boring
- ✓ Adjectives ending in **-ful -less** careful – careless
- ✓ Other adjectives afraid – alike – alert – ashamed – alone – aware – cautious – certain – complex – confident – eager – exact – formal – frequent – modern – recent
- ✓ Most other two-syllable adjectives Can take either form

➤ Repeating Comparatives

We use them to describe how something or someone changes:

- *The balloon flew **higher and higher** and then disappeared.*
- *As the company grew, the associates became **richer and richer**.*
- *After the crisis, electric cars got **more and more expensive**.*
- *As I read my book is getting **more and more interesting**.*

➤ The... the... Comparatives

To talk about things that change if something else changes. This structure is used to show increase or decrease proportionally:

- *Yes! tell your uncle to come home for dinner, after all **the more the merrier!***
- ***The more** you eat, **the more** you want.*
- ***The older** we grow, **the wiser** we become.*

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