

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

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Grammar: Making Comparisons

Use a **comparative adjective** to compare two things and a **superlative adjective** to compare more than two things. To form a comparative adjective, add *-er* to a short adjective and use the word *more* before a long adjective. To form a superlative adjective, add *-est* or use the word *most*.

comparative adjective

superlative adjective

Jan is stronger than Mike, but Anna is the strongest of the three.

Troy was more worried than Chung, but Tonya was the most worried of all.

Thinking Question

How many things are being compared in the sentence?

Read each sentence. Write the correct form of the adjective in parentheses on the line.

1. (fast) Sometimes it was _____ to go around a mountain than to hike over it.
2. (old) The _____ child in a family usually had more responsibilities than the younger children.
3. (dark) At night, the wilderness was _____ than the towns people had left behind.
4. (beautiful) The Rocky Mountains were the thing I saw throughout the trip.
5. (snowy) In the winter, the trails would be _____ than at other times.
6. (hot) Summer is the _____ season, so you should drink more water.