

Making Comparisons

**The Case of the
Missing Deer**
Grammar: Spiral Review

Use superlative adjectives to compare three or more items.

Adjective

One syllable (small, weak)
Ending with *e* (safe, white)
Ending with *y* (easy, hairy)
Long adjectives (interesting, puzzled)

Comparing Three or More Items

Add *-est* (smallest, weakest)
Drop *e*, add *-est* (safest, whitest)
Drop *y*, add *iest* (easiest, hairiest)
Use *most* before long adjectives (most interesting, most puzzled)

Write the correct choice on the line provided.

1. The elk is the (most large, largest) member of the deer family.
2. The fallow deer is the (most common, commonest) deer species in Europe.
3. Elderly caribou are vulnerable to wolves and suffer the (most great, greatest) losses.
4. Of the deer's many predators, the wolf is the (most deadly, deadliest).
5. The bucks compete to see who is the (most strong, strongest).