

Comparatives and superlatives

We use comparative adjectives to compare one thing or person with another.

We use superlative adjectives to say one thing or person has got the most of a particular quality.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Short adjectives: smart	add <i>-er</i> : smarter	add <i>-est</i> : the smartest
Short adjectives ending in vowel + consonant: big	double the final consonant and add <i>-er</i> : bigger	double the final consonant and add <i>-est</i> : the biggest
Adjectives ending in <i>-e</i> : safe	add <i>-r</i> : safer	add <i>-st</i> : the safest
Adjectives ending in <i>-y</i> : easy	remove the <i>-y</i> and add <i>-ier</i> : easier	remove the <i>-y</i> and add <i>-iest</i> : the easiest
Long adjectives: interesting	add <i>more</i> : more interesting	add <i>the most</i> : the most interesting
Irregular adjectives: good, bad	better, worse	the best, the worst

We use *(not) as + adjective + as* to say two people or things are (not) equal in some way.

Chloe is *as smart as* Tom.

Maths isn't *as easy as* English.