

COMPARATIVE and SUPERLATIVE

We use comparative adjectives to compare two people, animals or things.

*New York is **bigger than** Madrid

*Sally is **more beautiful than** Pat

We use superlative adjectives to compare more than two people, animals or things

* Brazil is **the largest country** in South America

* Money isn't **the most important** thing in life

FORM

* (ONE SYLLABLE) :

COMPARATIVE - **Adjective + -er + than** - John is **taller than** Charles

SUPERLATIVE - **the + adjective + -est** - John is **the tallest boy** in the class

* (TWO or MORE SYLLABLES)

COMPARATIVE - **More + adjective + than** - Mary is **more intelligent than** Jane

SUPERLATIVE - **the most + adjective** - Mary is **the most intelligent girl** in the class

* (IRREGULAR)

good(bueno)/**well**(bien) - **better** (mejor)

- **the best** (el mejor)

bad (malo) - **worse** (peor)

- **the worst** (el peor)

far (lejos) - **farther / further** (más lejos)

- **the farthest / the furthest** (el más lejano)

little(poco) - **less** (menos)

- **the least** (el menor, lo menos)

much(mucho) - **more** (más)

- **the most** (el más)

many(muchos) - **more** (más)

- **the most** (los más)

SPELLING

*Adjectives of one syllable that **end in -e**: add **-r / -st**

large - larger - the largest

nice - nicer - the nicest

* Adjectives that **end in a vowel + consonants -t, -d, -g, -m, -n** : **double** the consonant **and add -er/-est**

fat - fatter - the fattest

slim - slimmer - the slimmest

big - bigger - the biggest

* Adjectives of **two syllables that end in -y**: change the -y to an **-i and add -er / -est**

busy - busier - the busiest

easy - easier - the easiest

early - earlier - the earliest

***Long words**(2 / 3 / 4 syllables): **add more / the most**

modern - more modern - the most modern

beautiful - more beautiful - the most beautiful

expensive - more expensive - the most expensive