

Adjectives with the suffixes **er** and **est**



Aim

- To use the suffixes er and est in adjectives.

Success Criteria

- I can use the suffixes er and est to compare things.
- I can add the suffixes er and est to an adjective.
- I can add the suffixes er and est to adjectives ending in y.
- I can add the suffixes er and est to adjectives ending in e.
- I can add the suffixes er and est to an adjective ending in a vowel and a single consonant.
- I can use adjectives with the suffixes er and est in sentences.

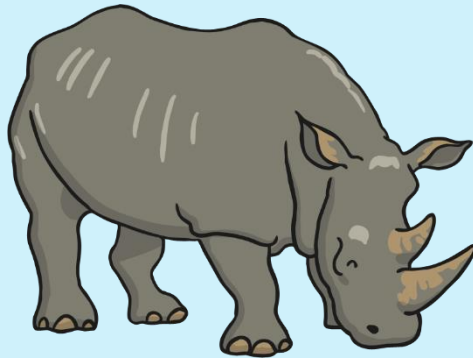
Comparative Adjectives



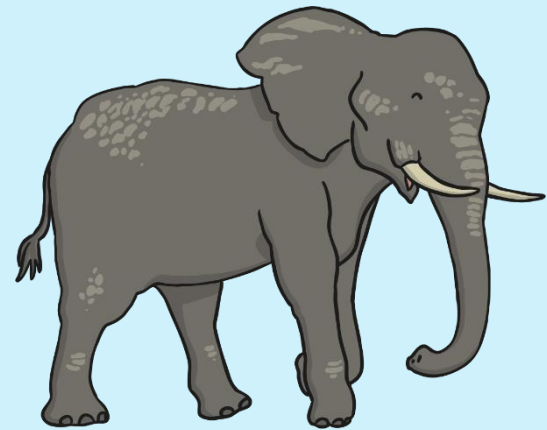
Look at these pictures. What do you notice?



strong



stronger



strongest

Comparative Adjectives



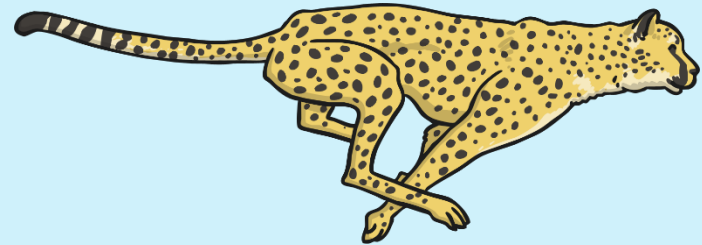
Look at these pictures. What do you notice?



fast



faster



fastest

Comparative Adjectives



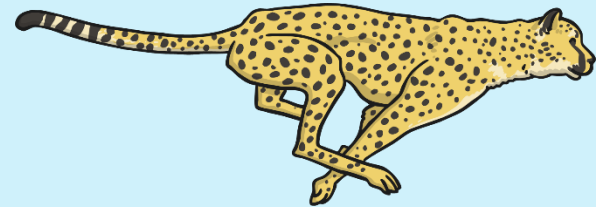
We call these adjectives comparative and superlative adjectives.



fast



faster



fastest

When we compare two things we use comparative adjectives.
When we compare three or more things we use superlative adjectives.

Adding er and est



Look at these words:

big

bigger

biggest

fast

faster

fastest

What do you notice about these words?

When we are using comparative and superlative adjectives, we often use the suffixes er and est.

Adding er and est



Adding er and est to these words is quite easy!

short + er = shorter

short + est = shortest

long + er = longer

long + est = longest

great + er = greater

great + est = greatest

Can you add er and est to these words? Write your answers on your whiteboards.

slow

tall

Adding er and est



Adding er and est to words that end in **y**.

Have a look at these words:

pretty + er = prettier

pretty + est = prettiest

tasty + er = tastier

tasty + est = tastiest

If the adjective ends in a y, we need to change it to an i, then add er or est. Can you add er and est to these words? Write the answers on your whiteboards.

easy

happy

If the adjective ends in a y, we need to change it to an i, then add er or est.

Adding er and est



Adding er and est to words that end in **e**.
Have a look at these words:

wise + er = wiser

wise + est = wisest

strange + er = stranger

strange + est = strangest

When the word ends in an **e**, we knock the **e** off before adding **er** or **est**. Can you add **er** and **est** to these words? Write your answers on your whiteboards.

late

cute

When the word ends in an **e**, we knock the **e** off before adding **er** or **est**.

Adding er and est



Have a look at these words:

sad

sadder

saddest

thin

thinner

thinnest

These adjectives all end in a vowel and one consonant.

When an adjective ends in a vowel and one consonant, we need to double the last consonant to keep the vowel short.

thin

i (short vowel sound)

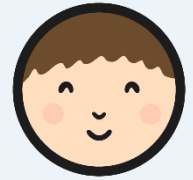
n (consonant)

Can you add er and est to these words?

hot

wet

Adding er and est



Look at the Activity Sheet Adding er and est. Can you complete the table by writing the adjectives with the suffixes er and est?

When the word ends in an e, we knock the e off before adding er or est.

If the adjective ends in a y, we need to change it to an i, then add er or est.

When an adjective ends in a vowel and one consonant, double the last consonant to keep the vowel short.

← Remember the rules

Activity Sheet: Adding er or est

Can you complete this table by writing the comparative (er suffix) and the superlative (est) adjectives? The first one has been done for you.

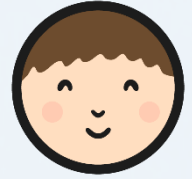
Adjective	adding er (comparative)	adding est (superlative)
thin	thinner	thinnest
big		
cool		
wise		
large		
safe		
strange		
great		

Which of these is spelt correctly? Circle the correct spelling.

tidgiest or tidgiest
bigger or bigger

twinkl plant

Application Activity



Application Activity

Can you write a sentence using adjectives ending with er and est. The first one has adjectives for you to choose from.

hot



rich



twinkl planit

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Use all of the information you have learnt and practised about adding the suffixes *er* and *est* to adjectives.

Work on your own to complete the Application Activity Sheet.