

COMPARATIVES

- How do we form *comparative statements*? Study the **grammar reference chart** below.

● **Adjectives with one syllable: add '-er' or '-r' + 'than'**

cold	colder than	<p><i>"In Canada, winter is colder than summer."</i></p> <p><i>"Chocolate ice-cream is nicer than strawberry ice-cream."</i></p>
nice	nicer than	

● **Adjectives with two or more syllables: add 'more' + 'than'**

boring	more boring than	<p><i>"I think golf is more boring than baseball."</i></p> <p><i>"This restaurant is more expensive than that restaurant."</i></p>
expensive	more expensive than	

● **Adjectives with two syllables that end in '-y': change '-y' to '-i' and add '-er' + 'than'**

early	earlier than	<p><i>"He arrived at school earlier than I did."</i></p> <p><i>"John looks happier than David."</i></p>
happy	happier than	

● **Adjectives that end with a single vowel and a consonant: double the final letter before adding 'than'**

big	bigger than	<p><i>"Russia is bigger than Canada."</i></p> <p><i>"In my country, August is hotter than January."</i></p>
hot	hotter than	

NOTE: When a comparative statement is used to answer a question, it is not necessary to use 'than' if only one person, place or thing is mentioned.

Example:

- (A) Which month is hotter, January or August?
 (B) August is hotter.

Irregular Comparative Adjectives:

good – **better than**
 bad – **worse than**
 far – **farther than / further than**

SUPERLATIVES

- How do we form superlative statements? Study the **grammar reference chart** below.

● Adjectives with one syllable: add 'the' + '-est' or '-st'

cold	the coldest	<p>"January is often the coldest winter month."</p> <p>"She is the nicest person I know."</p>
nice	the nicest	

● Adjectives with two or more syllables: add 'the' + 'most'

boring	the most boring	<p>"It's the most boring movie at the cinema."</p> <p>"We ate at the most expensive restaurant in town."</p>
expensive	the most expensive	

● Adjectives with two syllables that end in '-y': change '-y' to '-i' and add 'the'

early	the earliest	<p>"He was the earliest person to arrive"</p> <p>"It was the happiest time of my life."</p>
happy	the happiest	

● Adjectives that end with a vowel and a consonant: double the final letter before adding 'the' + '-est'

big	the biggest	<p>"Russia is the biggest country in the world."</p> <p>"August is usually the hottest summer month."</p>
hot	the hottest	

● Adjectives that are irregular:

good	the best	<p>"She is the best student in our class."</p> <p>"It was the worst storm in many years."</p> <p>"He lives the farthest/furthest from my home."</p>
bad	the worst	
far	the farthest the furthest	