

## A) Short & Common Adjectives (usually -er / -est)

Base	Comparative	Superlative	Notes
big	bigger	the biggest	CVC double consonant
small	smaller	the smallest	—
tall	taller	the tallest	—
short	shorter	the shortest	—
long	longer	the longest	—
fast	faster	the fastest	—
slow	slower	the slowest	—
hot	hotter	the hottest	CVC
cold	colder	the coldest	—
warm	warmer	the warmest	—
light	lighter	the lightest	—
heavy	heavier	the heaviest	-y → -ier/-iest
easy	easier	the easiest	-y → -ier/-iest
busy	busier	the busiest	-y → -ier/-iest
happy	happier	the happiest	-y → -ier/-iest
funny	funnier	the funniest	fun → more/most fun
sad	sadder	the saddest	CVC
thin	thinner	the thinnest	CVC
fat	fatter	the fattest	CVC
wet	wetter	the wettest	CVC
late	later	the latest	“latest” = most recent

near	nearer	the nearest / next	distance vs order
close	closer	the closest	—
large	larger	the largest	ends with -e
nice	nicer	the nicest	ends with -e
wise	wiser	the wisest	ends with -e
safe	safer	the safest	ends with -e
simple	simpler	the simplest	2-syllable; -er ok
narrow	narrower	the narrowest	2-syllable; -er ok
quiet	quieter / more quiet	the quietest / most quiet	both ok
clever	cleverer / more clever	the cleverest / most clever	both ok
early	earlier	the earliest	-y → -ier/-iest
strong	stronger	the strongest	—
weak	weaker	the weakest	—
high	higher	the highest	—
low	lower	the lowest	—
rich	richer	the richest	—
poor	poorer	the poorest	—
bright	brighter	the brightest	—
dark	darker	the darkest	—
young	younger	the youngest	—

## B) Longer Adjectives (usually more / most)

Base	Comparative	Superlative
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful

comfortable	more comfortable	the most comfortable
confident	more confident	the most confident
careful	more careful	the most careful
useful	more useful	the most useful
popular	more popular	the most popular
interesting	more interesting	the most interesting
difficult	more difficult	the most difficult
expensive	more expensive	the most expensive
affordable	more affordable	the most affordable
effective	more effective	the most effective
efficient	more efficient	the most efficient
accurate	more accurate	the most accurate
reliable	more reliable	the most reliable
professional	more professional	the most professional
modern	more modern	the most modern
powerful	more powerful	the most powerful
flexible	more flexible	the most flexible
convenient	more convenient	the most convenient

### C) Irregulars & Quantity Words

Base	Comparative	Superlative	Usage note
good	better	the best	irregular
bad	worse	the worst	irregular
far	farther / further	the farthest / furthest	distance vs degree
little (amount)	less	the least	uncountable quantity

many / much	more	the most	quantity / degree
few	fewer	the fewest	countable nouns

