

Comparatives and Superlatives

-er and -est

Comparing Two Things: Use -er

My notebook is **thicker** than your notebook.

Summer is **hotter** than autumn.

The mouse turned out to be **braver** than the lion.

Comparing Three or More Things: Use -est

Her notebook is the **thickest** notebook in the room.

August is usually the **hottest** month of the year.

The **bravest** people are not always the **strongest** or the **biggest**.

Spelling Comparatives

harsh → **harsher, harsher**
(ends with consonant digraph = no change)

weak → **weaker, weaker**
(vowel digraph = no change)

slim → **slimmer, slimmest**
(closed syllable, final consonant = double the consonant)

wide → **wider, widest**
(final silent **e**, drop **e** before adding **-er, -est**)

early → **earlier, earliest**
(ends with **-y**, change **y** to **i** before adding **-er, -est**)