

adjectives for comparing

There are different forms of adjectives that you can use, called the **positive**, the **comparative**, and the **superlative**.

A **positive** adjective does not compare the person, thing or place you are describing with anything else.

I am old.

Coffee is expensive.

Mount Everest is high.

A **comparative** adjective compares two people, things or places. The word *than* follows it.

I am older than Leo.

Coffee is more expensive than tea.

Mount Everest is higher than Mont Blanc.

A **superlative** adjective compares three or more people, things or places, and tells you which one stands out above the rest.

I am the oldest in my family.

Coffee is the most expensive hot drink.

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

Making comparatives and superlatives

You make comparatives of most short adjectives by adding **-er** on the end.

soft + -er = softer

You make superlatives by adding **-est** on the end of the adjective and putting *the* in front of it.

the + soft + -est = the softest

To make comparatives and superlatives of longer words put **more** or **the most** in front of them.

Comparative
more expensive
more important

Superlative
the most expensive
the most important

A few comparatives and superlatives are very different. Beware of the exceptions!

Adjective
good
bad
little
many

Comparative
better
worse
less
more

Superlative
best
worst
least
most