

# COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

## PART I

### RULE 1

To form the comparatives, -er is added to one-syllable adjectives.



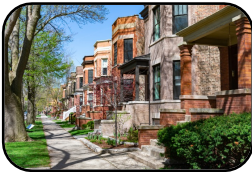
**soft - softer**  
Susan's pillow is soft,  
but Mary's pillow is softer.



**dark - darker**  
Mark's bedroom is dark,  
but Paul's bedroom is darker.

### RULE 2

For one-syllable adjectives that end in -e, only -r is added.



**safe - safer**  
The Bluemont neighborhood is safe,  
but the Wilshire neighborhood is safer.



**cute - cuter**  
Julie's teddy bear is cute,  
but Emily's teddy bear is cuter.

### RULE 3

For one-syllable adjectives that end with one consonant preceded by one vowel, the final consonant is doubled, and -er is added.



**big - bigger**  
Mr. Miller's house is big,  
but Mr. Wilson's house is bigger.



**thin - thinner**  
Brenda is thin,  
but Helen is thinner.

# RULE 4

For two-syllable adjectives that end in -y, the -y changes to -i and -er is added.



## pretty - prettier

Janet's garden is pretty,  
but Kelly's garden is prettier.



## crazy - crazier

My neighbor is crazy,  
but your neighbor is crazier!

**PRACTICE:** Write your own sentences using the comparative form of the following adjectives.

small	
large	
fat	
tall	
fancy	
nice	
sad	
tasty	
big	
pretty	

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