GRAMMAR

Comparing adjectives

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I can compare things with -er and -est adjectives.

1 The rule

Add -er to an adjective to compare two things (tall, taller). Add -est to compare three or more things (tall, tallest).

A dog is **bigger** than a cat. A whale is the **biggest** of all.

2 Look and say



faster
faster than a turtle



fastest
the fastest of all



taller
taller than a dog



tallest
the tallest animal



bigger
bigger than a cat



biggest
the biggest animal



slower
slower than a dog



slowest
the slowest of all

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Sort the words

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Read each word. Does it compare two things (-er) or three or more (-est)? Write it in the right box.

1 Word bank

tallest | longer | happiest | faster | smaller | taller | fastest | happier | smallest | longest | biggest | bigger

-er: two things	-est: three or more
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Find it in a sentence

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Read each sentence. Circle the word that compares.

1. My kite flew higher than yours.
2. This is the longest snake in the zoo.
3. Omar is taller than his sister.
4. Winter is the coldest season.
5. A bike is faster than walking.
6. That was the funniest joke!
7. The moon is smaller than Earth.
8. Grandpa grew the biggest tomato.

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Write it

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Write the -er or -est form of the word in ( ).

1. (tall) Sam is _____ than me.
2. (fast) It is the _____ car.
3. (cold) Ice is _____ than water.
4. (long) It was the _____ day.
5. (big) A bus is _____ than a car.
6. (happy) I am the _____ kid!

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: comparing adjectives

1 Sort the words

-er: two things: taller, faster, smaller, longer, happier, bigger

-est: three or more: tallest, fastest, smallest, longest, happiest, biggest

2 Find it in a sentence

1. higher 2. longest 3. taller 4. coldest 5. faster 6. funniest 7. smaller 8. biggest

3 Write it

1. taller 2. fastest 3. colder 4. longest 5. bigger 6. happiest

4 Teaching tip

Line up three objects of different sizes. Compare two ("The pencil is longer than the crayon"), then all three ("The ruler is the longest"). Children hear the rule before they read it.

Watch for: Using -est for only two things, as in "the tallest of the two." Two things take -er; three or more take -est. Also watch the spelling changes: big, bigger; happy, happier.

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