



Comparative and superlative adjectives

CAPS: Grade 6, Term 3

Language Structures & Conventions

Working with words and sentences:

Builds on understanding and use of comparative and superlative adjectives

Example

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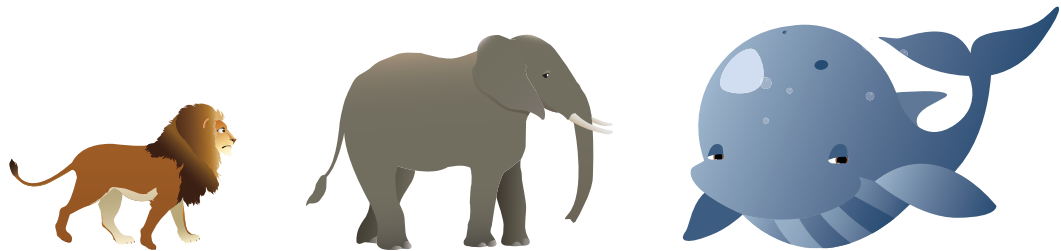
Adjectives are words that are used to describe nouns and pronouns. They help to add detail and description to a sentence.

Comparative adjectives compare **TWO** things and usually end in **-er**.

E.g. A lion is **larger** than a fox.

Superlative adjectives compare **THREE** or more things and usually end in **-est**.

E.g. A lion is a **big** mammal, an elephant is **bigger** but a whale is the **biggest**.



Note

The words **more** and **most** are also used as superlative adjectives especially with more than two syllables. E.g. **delicious**, **more delicious** and the **most delicious**.

Activity 1

- Complete the table below. Look at the adjective in Column A, write the comparative adjective in the second column and the superlative adjective in the last. The first one has been done for you.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
big	bigger	biggest
strange		
thin		
handsome		
shiny		



Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
icy		
narrow		
beautiful		
important		

Activity 2

Choose five adjectives from the table in Activity 1. Write each of them in a sentence to show you know how to use comparative and superlative adjectives.

Example



I am **taller** than my dad but my brother, Simphiwe is the tallest out of us three.

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Teacher Tip



Recap spelling rules for adding suffixes with the learners.

- What happens to the 'y' at the end of a word?
- What happens to words ending in a consonant?
- What happens to words ending in 'e'?

