

Chapter- 3

Degrees of comparison

STUDY NOTES

We have learned about adjectives in the previous grades, and in the previous chapter.

Answer key (Grammar book pg - 20)




Q1. Underline the adjectives in these sentences.

- a) The Hulk is very powerful.
- b) My grandmother gave me a red dress.
- c) Let us buy a big cake for Sheetal's birthday.
- d) Sirius is the brightest star in the sky.
- e) This is very noisy classroom.

Words that describe a noun or a pronoun in a sentence are called adjectives .

Now let's learn how adjectives are used to compare two or more nouns or pronouns.

Degrees of comparison

		
young	younger	youngest
Positive degree	Comparative degree	Superlative degree

An adjective in its base form is said to be in the positive degree.

Example –

clean, easy, heavy, fat, nice etc.

When we add –er at the end of an adjective to compare two nouns, we call it in the comparative

Example –

Clean – cleaner

Easy – easier

Heavy – heavier

Fat – fatter

Sweet – sweeter

We add –est at the end of an adjective to compare more than two nouns. This form of adjective is said to be in the superlative degree.

Example –

Clean – cleaner - cleanest

Easy – easier - easiest

Heavy – heavier - heaviest

Fat – fatter - fattest

Sweet – sweeter - sweetest

More examples –

clean	cleaner	cleanest
easy	easier	easiest
fat	fatter	fattest
flat	flatter	flattest
heavy	heavier	heaviest
hot	hotter	hottest
narrow	narrower	narrowest
noisy	noisier	noisiest
simple	simpler	simplest
thin	thinner	thinnest
wet	wetter	wettest

Answer key (Grammar book pg - 22)

Q2. Read the sentences given below . Identify the degree of the adjective in each sentence. Write it in the space provided.

- Shaheen's mother makes the **sweetest** jalebis. sweetest
- The teacher had an **angry** expression on his face. angry
- My notebook is **thicker** than yours. thicker
- Elsa and Anna lived in a **cold** country. cold
- Who is the **fairest** of them all? fairest
- King Ashok was a **wise** ruler. wise
- Usain Bolt is the **fastest** runner in the world. fastest
- Nemo was **braver** than any other fish in the sea. braver

Now let's learn how to change an adjective in the positive degree to its comparative and superlative forms.

- If an adjective does not end with the letter e, -er and -est added to form the comparative and superlative degree, respectively.

Example –

Strong stronger strongest

Deep deeper deepest

- If an adjective does not end with the letter e, -r and -st added to form the comparative and superlative degree, respectively.

Example –

Wide wider widest

Wise wiser wisest

- If an adjective ends in a consonant +y, we change y to -ier to form the comparative degree and to -iest to form the superlative degree.

Example –

Funny funnier funniest

Easy easier easiest

- The last letter of some adjectives is repeated, after which -er and -est are added to form the comparative and superlative degrees, respectively.

Example –

Fat fatter fattest

Big bigger biggest

Answer key (Grammar book pg – 23, 24, 25)

Q3. Change the adjectives given below to their comparative and superlative forms.

	Comparative	Superlative
a) High	Higher	Highest
b) Large	larger	largest
c) Short	shorter	shortest
d) Wide	wider	widest
e) Funny	funnier	funniest
f) Easy	easier	easiest
g) dim	dimmer	dimmest

Q4. Read the clues and complete the crossword puzzle given below.

Across

Down

1. Cleverest

5. thinnest

2. Funnier

6. smaller

3. Colder

7. nicer

4. bravest

8. Happiest

Q5. Choose words from the box given below and complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives. One is done for you.

- The red dress is cheaper than the black one.
- This is a costly painting.
- I am the tallest girl in my class.
- Home-made food is healthier than fast food.
- Maitreyi is stronger than most children in her class.
- The cheetah is the fastest animal in the world.

- g) Sunny is a very naughty boy.
- h) This story is funnier than the one you told me yesterday.

Q6. Find the wrong form of the adjectives in the sentences given below and rewrite them correctly .One is done for you.

- a) This is the **hottest** day of the year.
- b) This is the **tallest** among all the trees in my garden.
- c) He is the **strongest** person I have ever seen !
- d) I am the **happiest** person in the world.
- e) Anu's hair is **longer** than Kirti's.
- f) It is very **easy** to solve this puzzle.
- g) Moana was a very **curious** girl.
- h) Merida's hair was **curly**.

