

Comparative Adjectives



There are three grades of adjective: positive, comparative and superlative

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Pretty	More pretty ✓	Most pretty ✓
Pretty	Prettier ✓ More prettier X	Prettiest ✓ Most prettiest X
Rich	Richer ✓	Richest ✓
Rich	More rich ✓ More richer X	Most rich ✓ Most richest X

Note the two different ways of expressing the comparative and superlative forms.

However, you cannot combine “more” with the “-er” form.

When a word has three syllables or more, you cannot add -er or -est to form the comparative and superlative.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Beautiful	More Beautiful	Most Beautiful
Beautiful	Beautifuler X	Beautifullest X

Note the following, which do not follow the usual rules:

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Good	Better	Best
Bad	Worse	Worst