

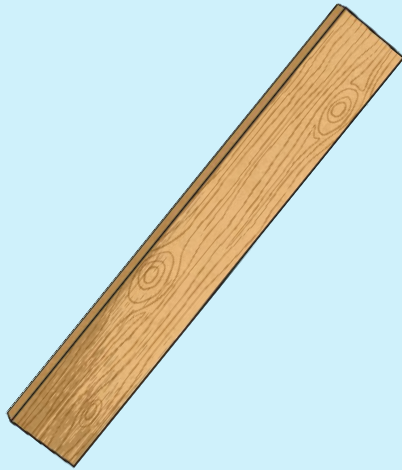
# Degrees of Comparison: Adjectives with -er and -est



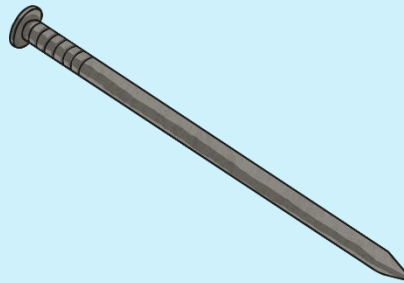


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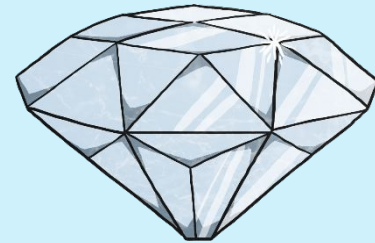
Look at these pictures. What do you notice?



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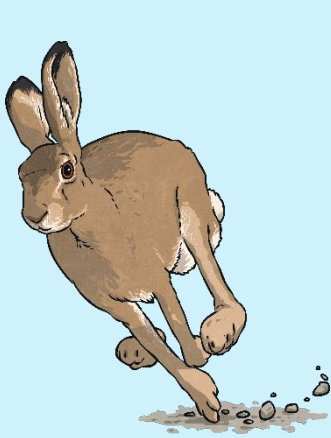
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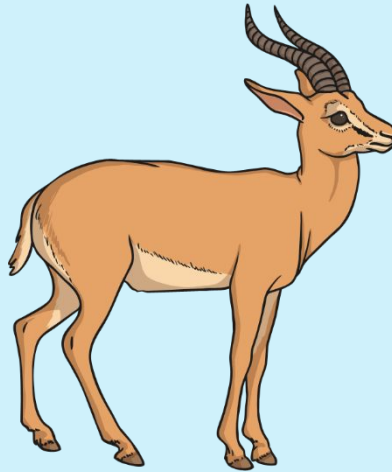
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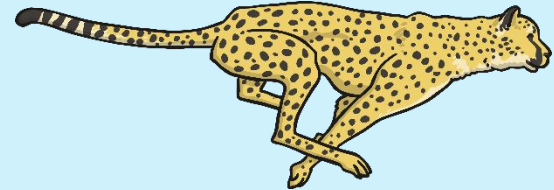
Look at these pictures. What do you notice?



**fast**



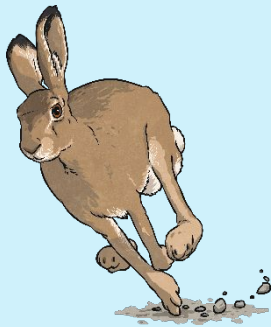
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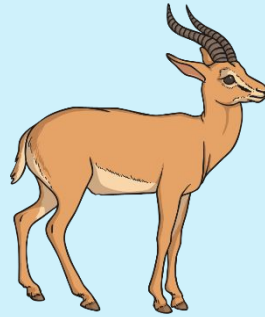
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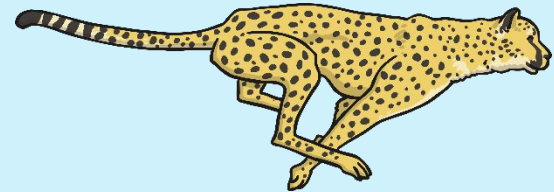
We call these adjectives comparative and superlative adjectives.



**fast**



**faster**



**fastest**

When we compare two things we use comparative adjectives.  
When we compare three or more things we use superlative adjectives.



# Adding -er and -est

Look at these words:

**big**

**bigger**

**biggest**

**fast**

**faster**

**fastest**

What do you notice about these words?

**When we are using comparative and superlative adjectives, we often use the suffixes er and est.**

# Adding -er and -est

Adding -er and -est to these words is quite easy!

short + er = shorter

short + est = shortest

long + er = longer

long + est = longest

great + er = greater

great + est = greatest

Can you add -er and -est to these words? Write your answers down.

**slow**

**tall**

# Adding -er and -est

Adding -er and -est to words that end in -y.

Have a look at these words:

pretty + er = prettier

pretty + est = prettiest

tasty + er = tastier

tasty + est = tastiest

If the adjective ends in a -y, we need to change it to an i, then add -er or -est. Can you add -er and -est to these words? Write the answers on your whiteboards.

**easy**

**happy**

If the adjective ends in a -y, we need to change it to an i, then add -er or -est.



# Adding -er and -est

Adding -er and -est to words that end in -e.

Have a look at these words:

wise + er = wiser

wise + est = wisest

strange + er = stranger

strange + est = strangest

When the word ends in an -e, we knock the -e off before adding -er or -est. Can you add -er and -est to these words? Write your answers on your whiteboards.

**late**

**cute**

When the word ends in an -e, we knock the -e off before adding -er or -est.



# Adding -er and -est

Have a look at these words:

sad

sadder

saddest

thin

thinner

thinnest

These adjectives all end in a vowel and one consonant.

thin

i (short vowel sound)

n (consonant)

When an adjective ends in a vowel and one consonant, we need to double the last consonant to keep the vowel short.

Can you add -er and -est to these words?

**hot**

**wet**

# Remember the rules



When the word ends in an -e, we knock the -e off before adding -er or -est.

When an adjective ends in a vowel and one consonant, double the last consonant to keep the vowel short.

If the adjective ends in a -y, we need to change it to an i, then add -er or -est.





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