

Class: IV
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Adjective

Comparison of Adjectives

We use adjectives to compare persons or things. When we make these comparisons, the adjectives we use change their form.

Adjectives have three forms called the Degrees of Comparison.

1. **Positive Degree:** This degree of an adjective. is used when we are not making any comparison. This degree is used with one person or thing.

Eg. 1. This house is big.

In this sentence, only one noun the 'house' is talked about.

2. **Comparative Degree:** This degree of an adjective is used when we are comparing two persons or things (or two groups of person or things)

Eg. 1. This house is bigger than that one.

Here we are talking about two houses.

3. **Superlative Degree:** This degree of an adjective is used when we are comparing more than two persons or things.

Eg. 1. This is the biggest house in the city.

Here we are talking about many houses.

Formation of the comparative and the superlative degree of Adjectives

The comparative and the superlative degrees of comparison are formed by:-

1. Adding 'er' and 'est'-

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
great	greater	greatest
poor		
bold		
cold		

2. Adding 'r' and 'st' to the words ending with 'e'

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
brave	braver	bravest
large		
able		
wise		

3. Removing 'y' and adding 'ier' and 'iest'

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
easy	easier	easiest
happy		
dry		
pretty		
heavy		