



**ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICE - BALANGODA**



# **ADJECTIVES DEGREES OF COMPARISON**

**GRADE 07**

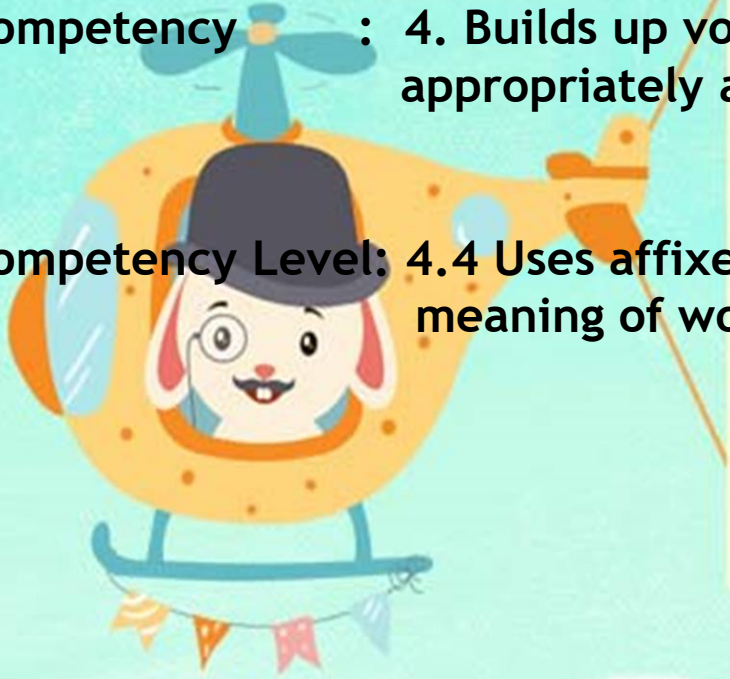
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**Competency** : 4. Builds up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning

**Competency Level:** 4.4 Uses affixes to change the word class and the meaning of words



DEGREES  
OF  
COMPARISON

## Degrees of Comparison

- It is possible to change the Degree of Comparison of an Adjective or Adverb in a sentence, without changing the meaning of the sentence.
- Comparison can be made using the three forms of the adjective.

**Positive**  
**Comparative**  
**Superlative**

# Positive Degree

- The Positive Degree of an adjective in comparison is the adjective in its simple form. It is used to denote the mere existence of some quality of what we speak about. **It is used when no comparison is made.**

Nimal is a **fat** boy.



Eifel tower is a **tall** man made structure.

# Comparative Degree

- The Comparative Degree denotes the existence of a higher degree of the quality than the positive. It is used **when two things (or two sets of things) are compared.**

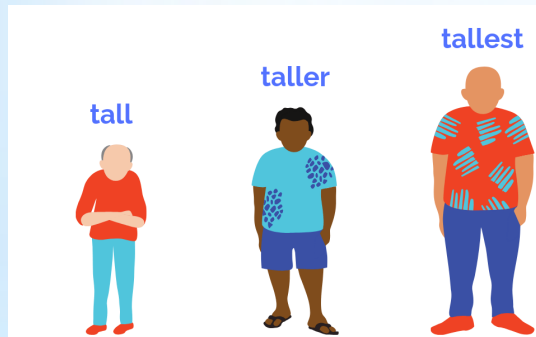
Red apple is **sweeter** than green apple.



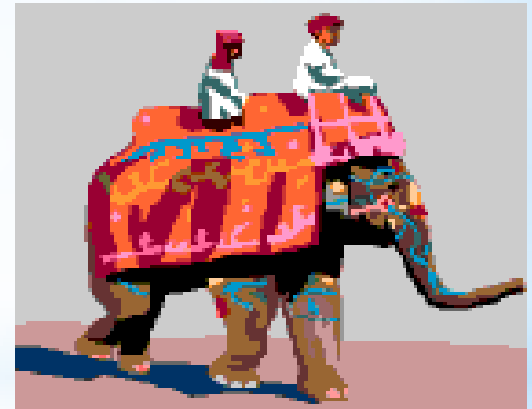
Gayan is **taller** than Geetha

# Superlative Degree

- The Superlative Degree denotes the existence of the highest degree of the quality. It is used **when more than two things are compared.**



My brother is the **tallest** person in our family.



The elephant is *the* **largest** of all land animals.

**Note:** We use **THE** before the superlative form of the adjective.



# List of Degrees of Comparison

By adding 'er and 'est'

Short adjective + er/est.

old → older

young → the youngest

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
bright	brighter	brightest
black	blacker	blackest
bold	bolder	boldest
clever	cleverer	cleverest
cold	colder	coldest
fast	faster	fastest
great	greater	greatest
high	higher	highest
kind	kinder	kindest

By adding 'r and 'st'

Short adjective 'e' at the end.

fine → finer

large → the largest

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
brave	braver	bravest
fine	finer	finest
large	larger	largest
nice	nicer	nicest
noble	nobler	noblest
pale	paler	palest
simple	simpler	simplest
wise	wiser	wisest
white	whiter	whitest



By deleting the final 'y' and adding 'ier' and 'iest'

Short adjective ended in -Y → -ier/iest

easy → easier

heavy → the heaviest

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
costly	costlier	costliest
dry	drier	driest
easy	easier	easiest
happy	happier	happiest
heavy	heavier	heaviest
merry	merrier	merriest
wealthy	wealthier	wealthiest

By doubling the final consonants

Consonant vowel consonant (the final consonant is doubled)

big → bigger

hot → the hottest

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
big	bigger	biggest
dim	dimmer	dimmest
fat	fatter	fattest
hot	hotter	hottest
thin	thinner	thinnest

By using more and most

Long adjective: more/most + long adjective

exciting → more exciting

beautiful → the most beautiful

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
active	more active	most active
attractive	more attractive	most attractive
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
brilliant	more brilliant	most brilliant
careful	more careful	most careful
courageous	more courageous	most courageous
cunning	more cunning	most cunning
difficult	more difficult	most difficult
famous	more famous	most famous
faithful	more faithful	most faithful

## Irregular Comparisons

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
bad	worse	worst
evil	worse	worst
good	better	best
ill	worse	worst
far	farther	farthest
well	better	best
late	later	latest
little	less	least
much	more	most
many	more	most

**Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives below.**

*example:* big / bigger / biggest    or    important / more important / most important

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
1. tall			22. far		
2. cheap			23. bad		
3. expensive			24. fat		
4. good			25. interesting		
5. lazy			26. narrow		
6. pretty			27. safe		
7. beautiful			28. dangerous		
8. difficult			29. messy		
9. boring			30. handsome		
10. shy			31. attractive		
11. happy			32. delicious		
12. short			33. useful		
13. famous			34. easy		
14. comfortable			35. lucky		
15. ugly			36. quiet		
16. warm			37. noisy		
17. long			38. modern		
18. intelligent			39. patient		
19. wide			40. convenient		
20. thick			41. accurate		
21. smart					

➤ **Fill in the correct form of the words in brackets (comparative or superlative).**

- ✓ My house is (big) \_\_\_\_\_ than yours.
- ✓ This flower is (beautiful) \_\_\_\_\_ than that one.
- ✓ This is the (good) \_\_\_\_\_ book I have ever read.
- ✓ Non-smokers usually live (long) \_\_\_\_\_ than smokers.
- ✓ Which is the (dangerous) \_\_\_\_\_ animal in the world?
- ✓ A holiday by the sea is (good) \_\_\_\_\_ than a holiday in the mountains
- ✓ It is strange but often a soft drink is (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_ than a tea.
- ✓ Who is the (rich) \_\_\_\_\_ woman on earth?
- ✓ The weather this summer is even (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ than last summer.
- ✓ He was the (intelligent) \_\_\_\_\_ thief of all.



**THANK YOU**