

# 'er' or 'est' Ending?

Complete the sentences by adding either 'er' or 'est' to the adjectives.

1. Jenny is much fast\_\_\_\_\_ than Susan.
2. Thomas is the tall\_\_\_\_\_ in the class.
3. My bedroom is clean\_\_\_\_\_ than my brother's bedroom.
4. This ruler is long\_\_\_\_\_ than that one.
5. Caroline is the smart\_\_\_\_\_ girl I know.
6. It's dark\_\_\_\_\_ at 10pm than at 5pm.
7. I think I am the strong\_\_\_\_\_ kid in the class.
8. Melons are sweet\_\_\_\_\_ than apples.
9. I'm old\_\_\_\_\_ today than I was yesterday.
10. Timmy always has the great\_\_\_\_\_ ideas.

Base Word	Suffix 'er'	Suffix 'est'
bright		
straight		
small		
grey		
slow		
high		

# 'er' or 'est' Ending?

When an adjective ends in the letter 'e', drop the 'e' before adding 'er' or 'est'. Complete these sentences using the word provided.

1. My cat is \_\_\_\_\_ than your dog. **cute**
2. The sky is \_\_\_\_\_ than the sea. **blue**
3. My grandma has the \_\_\_\_\_ habits. **strange**
4. You will get \_\_\_\_\_ as you get older. **wise**
5. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ apple I've ever eaten. **ripe**
6. That is the \_\_\_\_\_ thing you've said. **true**
7. You're even \_\_\_\_\_ than usual. **late**
8. Francis has the \_\_\_\_\_ skin. **pale**
9. An elephant's feet are \_\_\_\_\_ than mine. **large**
10. The lion is the \_\_\_\_\_ animal. **fierce**

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white		
brave		
nice		
gentle		
loose		
rude		

# 'er' or 'est' Ending?

When a two-syllable adjective ends in 'y', drop the 'y' and add an 'i' before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. Jenny is the \_\_\_\_\_ girl in the world. **pretty**
2. My dad makes the \_\_\_\_\_ jokes. **witty**
3. My pet rat is \_\_\_\_\_ than my cat. **tiny**
4. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ when I'm at home. **happy**
5. That man's voice is \_\_\_\_\_ than mine. **raspy**
6. The box was \_\_\_\_\_ than all the others. **heavy**
7. That was the \_\_\_\_\_ cake. **yummy**
8. The orange was \_\_\_\_\_ than the pear. **sticky**
9. That was the \_\_\_\_\_ ghost train. **creepy**
10. This branch is the \_\_\_\_\_! **prickly**

Base Word	Suffix 'er'	Suffix 'est'
feisty		
cuddly		
dirty		
dry		
fluffy		
scary		

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Remember that for some words we double the end consonant before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_ today than yesterday. **wet**
2. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ person around. **mad**
3. That is the \_\_\_\_\_ cat I've ever seen! **big**
4. The road is \_\_\_\_\_ than the grass. **flat**
5. The weather is \_\_\_\_\_ today. **hot**
6. Tom is getting \_\_\_\_\_ every day. **thin**
7. That's the \_\_\_\_\_ thing I've ever heard. **sad**
8. The diet is making her \_\_\_\_\_. **slim**
9. The light is getting \_\_\_\_\_ by the second. **dim**
10. James told us the \_\_\_\_\_ tale. **grim**

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prim		
snug		
red		
fit		
glib		
fat		

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1. Jenny is much **faster** than Susan.
2. Thomas is the **tallest** in the class.
3. My bedroom is **cleaner** than my brother's bedroom.
4. This ruler is **longer** than that one.
5. Caroline is the **smartest** girl I know.
6. It's **darker** at 10pm than at 5pm.
7. I think I am the **strongest** kid in the class.
8. Melons are **sweeter** than apples.
9. I'm **older** today than I was yesterday.
10. Timmy always has the **greatest** ideas.

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bright	<b>brighter</b>	<b>brightest</b>
straight	<b>straighter</b>	<b>straightest</b>
small	<b>smaller</b>	<b>smallest</b>
grey	<b>greyer</b>	<b>greyest</b>
slow	<b>slower</b>	<b>slowest</b>
high	<b>higher</b>	<b>highest</b>

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When an adjective ends in the letter 'e', drop the 'e' before adding 'er' or 'est'. Complete these sentences using the word provided.

1. My cat is **cuter** than your dog. **cute**
2. The sky is **bluer** than the sea. **blue**
3. My grandma has the **strangest** habits. **strange**
4. You will get **wiser** as you get older. **wise**
5. This is the **ripest** apple I've ever eaten. **ripe**
6. That is the **truest** thing you've said. **true**
7. You're even **later** than usual. **late**
8. Francis has the **palest** skin. **pale**
9. An elephant's feet are **larger** than mine. **large**
10. The lion is the **fiercest** animal. **fierce**

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white	<b>whiter</b>	<b>whitest</b>
brave	<b>braver</b>	<b>bravest</b>
nice	<b>nicer</b>	<b>nicest</b>
gentle	<b>gentler</b>	<b>gentlest</b>
loose	<b>looser</b>	<b>loosest</b>
rude	<b>ruder</b>	<b>rudest</b>

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When a two-syllable adjective ends in 'y', drop the 'y' and add an 'i' before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. Jenny is the **prettiest** girl in the world. **pretty**
2. My dad makes the **wittiest** jokes. **witty**
3. My pet rat is **tinier** than my cat. **tiny**
4. I'm **happiest** when I'm at home. **happy**
5. That man's voice is **raspier** than mine. **raspy**
6. The box was **heavier** than all the others. **heavy**
7. That was the **yummiest** cake. **yummy**
8. The orange was **stickier** than the pear. **sticky**
9. That was the **creepiest** ghost train. **creepy**
10. This branch is the **prickliest!** **prickly**

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cuddly	<b>cuddier</b>	<b>cuddli</b> est
dirty	<b>dirtier</b>	<b>dirti</b> est
dry	<b>drier</b>	<b>dri</b> est
fluffy	<b>fluffier</b>	<b>fluffi</b> est
scary	<b>scarier</b>	<b>scari</b> est

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Remember that for some words we double the end consonant before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. It is **wetter** today than yesterday. **wet**
2. He is the **maddest** person around. **mad**
3. That is the **biggest** cat I've ever seen! **big**
4. The road is **flatter** than the grass. **flat**
5. The weather is **hotter** today. **hot**
6. Tom is getting **thinner** every day. **thin**
7. That's the **saddest** thing I've ever heard. **sad**
8. The diet is making her **slimmer**. **slim**
9. The light is getting **dimmer** by the second. **dim**
10. James told us the **grimmiest** tale. **grim**

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prim	<b>primmer</b>	<b>primmest</b>
snug	<b>snugger</b>	<b>snuggest</b>
red	<b>redder</b>	<b>reddest</b>
fit	<b>fitter</b>	<b>fittest</b>
glib	<b>glibber</b>	<b>glibbest</b>
fat	<b>fatter</b>	<b>fattest</b>