

Adjectives That Compare

Adjectives are often used to make comparisons. To compare two people, places, or things, you usually add *-er* to an adjective. To compare three or more people, places, or things, you usually add *-est* to an adjective.

Sometimes you must change the spelling of an adjective when you write the *-er* or *-est* form.

Drop final e	rare	rarer	rarest
Change final y to <i>i</i>	spicy	spicier	spiciest
Double final consonant	hot	hotter	hottest

Puerto Rico has warmer weather than Florida.

Northern Africa has the warmest weather of all.

Directions Write the adjective that compares in each sentence.

1. I think China has the strangest animals in the world. _____
2. The giant panda is the heaviest panda of all. _____
3. A red panda is a lighter animal than a giant panda. _____
4. Pandas have the oddest diets of any animal. _____
5. Bamboo plants are tastier than other food. _____

Directions Write the word in () that correctly completes each sentence.

6. Our family had a (nice, nicer) time in Africa. _____
7. We saw the (brighter, brightest) cloth in the world at the market. _____
8. We had the (hotter, hottest) day I can remember. _____
9. The night was (cooler, coolest) than the day. _____
10. We ate (spicy, spicier) meals than those at home. _____