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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 <i>e</i>	fine	finer	finest
Change <i>y</i> to <i>i</i>	easy	easier	easiest
Double final consonant	big	bigger	biggest

Chicago is a bigger city than Baltimore.

New York is the biggest city in the United States.

Directions Underline the adjective that compares in each sentence.

- San Juan is the largest city in Puerto Rico.
- Puerto Rico has a warmer climate than New York.
- Florida is the closest state to Puerto Rico.
- Miami is nearer to Puerto Rico than New York is.
- Is New York a busier city than Miami?

Directions Write *C* if the underlined adjective is a comparative adjective. Write *S* if it is a superlative adjective.

- Maria's family moved from Mexico City to a smaller city. _____
- Hillside is the smallest town Maria ever saw. _____
- Her neighborhood has fewer houses than her old neighborhood. _____
- The streets are wider in Hillside than in Mexico City. _____
- The people in Maria's new town are the niciest people she has ever met. _____



Home Activity Your child learned about adjectives that compare. Ask your child to describe some television programs using adjectives that compare.