**Adjectives Lesson One**

Adjectives describe or modify other words, making your writing and speaking much more specific, and a whole lot more interesting e.g. small, black,  good etc. So adjectives tell us **something about a person or a thing**.



**2. Adjectives can go after the following verbs:**

* go
* Appear
* keep
* become
* get
* feel
* turn

When we speak about what something looks, smells, sounds and tastes – we use the adjective.

* I feel great.
* She looks beautiful.
* It seems possible.
* The food smells fantastic.

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**3. Adjectives answer the questions which one, what kind, and how much/many.**

Which one: **That bus** has been in a crash.

What kind: We have **black cat** in our house.

How much: I ate **too much fruit**.

**4. Can adjectives be used without nouns?**

Yes, adjectives can be used without nouns. Use the definite article *the*:

* The poor = poor people
* The Cowrds= The Coward people

Here is another example with nationalities in the plural:

* The Indian= The Indian people.
* The English = The English people

**5. Some Adjectives, ending in *-ing and -ed***

**A) Here the adjective is put before the noun:**

* Yesterday I read an interesting story.
* He has a **boring**job.
* They are **excited**people.

**B) Here the adjective is put after the verb:**

* I was a**mused**by the statement.
* I get **bored** very often.
* The end of the story was quite exciting**.**

**There are three forms of comparison:**

* positive
* comparative
* superlative

## 1. Comparison with *-er/-est*

clean → clean**er** → (the) clean**est**

### a) Adjectives with one syllable

| **positive** | **comparative** | **superlative** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| deep | deeper**er** | deepest**est** |
| new | new**er** | new**est** |
| cheap | cheap**er** | cheap**est** |

### b) Adjectives with two syllables and the following endings:

#### 1.2.1. Adjectives with two syllables, ending in -y

| **positive** | **comparative** | **superlative** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Happy=Ha+ppy | happ**ier** | happiest |
| Eas**y=ea+sy** | eas**ier** | eas**iest** |
| Pretty=Pr+tty | prett**ier** | prett**iest** |
|  |  |  |

#### C). Adjectives with two syllables

| **positive** | **comparative** | **superlative** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| clev**er** | clev**erer** | clev**erest** |
| **positive** | **comparative** | **superlative** |
| simp**le** | simp**ler** | simp**lest** |
| **positive** | **comparative** | **superlative** |
|  |  |  |
| dirt**y** | dirt**ier** | dirt**iest** | Change *-y* to *-i* (consonant before *-y*) |
| shy | shy**er** | shy**est** | Here *-y* is not changed to *-i*.(although consonant before *-y*) |

## d) Comparison with *more – most*

All adjectives with **more than one syllable** (except some adjectives with two syllables – see above

| **positive** | **comparative** | **superlative** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Difficult=diffi+cult | **more** difficult | (the) **most** difficult |
| Beautiful=Bauti+ful | **More beautiful**  | (the)most beautiful |

## e) Irregular adjectives

| **positive** | **comparative** | **superlative** | **comment** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| good | better | best |   |
| bad | worse | worst |   |
| much | more | most | uncountable nouns |
| many | more | most | countable nouns |
| little | less | least |   |
| small | smaller | smallest |   |

## f). Some adjectives have two possible forms of comparison (*-er/est* and *more/most*).

| **positive** | **comparative** | **superlative** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| clever | cleverer / more clever | cleverest / most clever |
| common | commoner / more common | commonest / most common |
| likely | likelier / more likely | likeliest / most likely |
| pleasant | pleasanter / more pleasant | pleasantest / most pleasant |
| polite | politer / more polite | politest / most polite |
| quiet | quieter / more quiet | quietest / most quiet |
| simple | simpler / more simple | simplest / most simple |
| stupid | stupider / more stupid | stupidest / most stupid |
| subtle | subtler / more subtle | subtlest / most subtle |
| sure | surer / more sure | surest / most sure |