

# Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

**Comparative adjectives** are used to compare two people, places, things, or groups. Add *-er* to most short adjectives to make their comparative forms. Use *more* with longer adjectives. **Superlative adjectives** are used to compare three or more people, places, things, or groups. Add *-est* to most short adjectives to make their superlative forms. Use *most* with longer adjectives.

**Adjective Comparative Superlative**

strange stranger strangest

terrible more terrible most terrible

- Adjectives such as *good* and *bad* have irregular comparative and superlative forms: *good, better, best; bad, worse, worst*.

- Never use *more* or *most* with *-er* and *-est*.

**No:** more angrier, most remarkablest

**Yes:** angrier, most remarkable

**Directions** Complete the table. Add *-er*, *-est*, *more*, or *most* as needed.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
deep	1. _____	2. _____
fat	3. _____	4. _____
bad	5. _____	6. _____
hideous	7. _____	8. _____
powerful	9. _____	10. _____
mighty	11. _____	12. _____

**Directions** Write the correct forms of the adjectives in ( ) to complete the sentences.

13. That was the \_\_\_\_\_ (scary) movie I have ever seen.

14. One monster had a \_\_\_\_\_ (big) body than the other one.

15. However, the \_\_\_\_\_ (small) monster of the two had  
\_\_\_\_\_ (sharp) claws and fangs.

16. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ (exciting) book you have ever read?

17. I think *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* is a \_\_\_\_\_ (good) book than  
*Journey to the Center of the Earth*.

18. Jules Verne was one of our \_\_\_\_\_ (early) and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (good) science fiction writers.