

Basics of English Grammar

Comparative and Superlative
forms of adjectives

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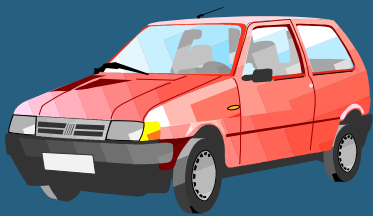
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What is a noun?

Noun is a word which refers to a thing, person, activity, place etc.



car



reading



street



teacher

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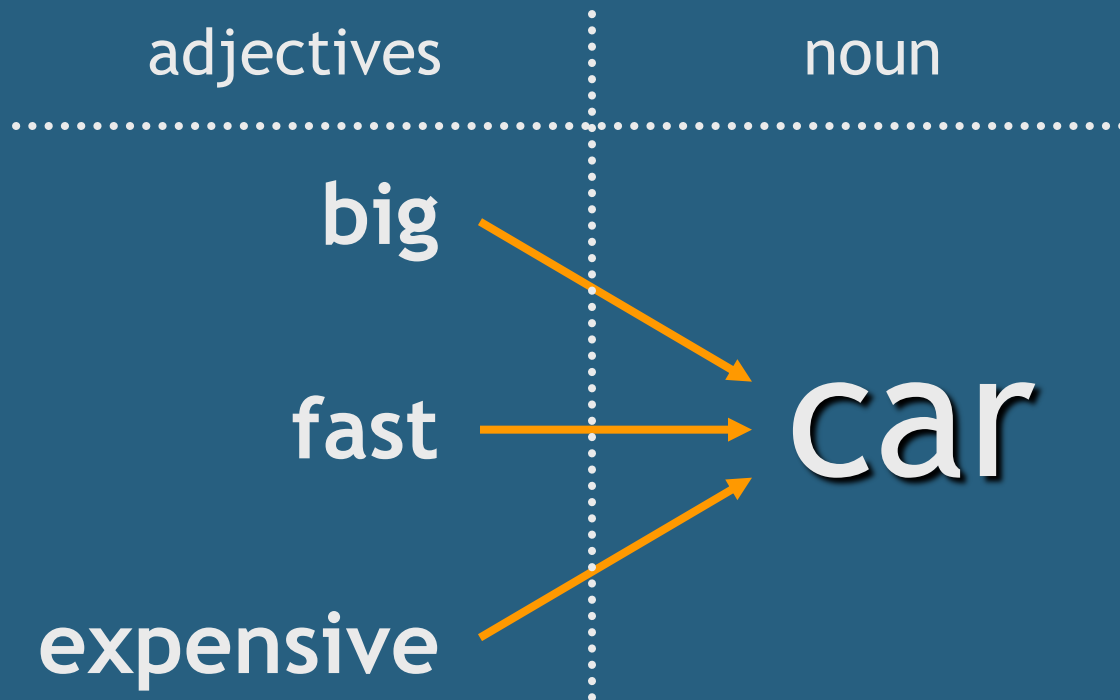
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What is an adjective?

Adjective is a word which describes a noun



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What is a syllable?

Syllable is a part of a word containing vowel sound

reading

read ing

1st syllable

2nd syllable

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Syllables - examples

1. One-syllable adjectives

→ fast big cheap long

2. Two-syllable adjectives

→ happy crazy dirty

3. Three-syllable adjectives

→ important wonderful

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What is a “comparative form”?

Comparative form expresses the idea of ‘more’

fast-er

My car is fast.

But his car is faster.

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“Comparative form”?

How is a ‘comparative’ form built?

one syllable adjectives

longer

two syllable adjectives
ending in -ly

funnier ⓘ

other two and three
syllable adjectives

more modern

irregular adjectives
for example ‘good’

better

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What is a “superlative form”?

Comparative form expresses the idea of ‘most’

fast-est

My car is fast.
Your car is fast.

But his car is the fastest.

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“Superlative form”?

How is a ‘superlative’ form built?

one syllable adjectives

longest

two syllable adjectives
ending in -ly

funniest ⓘ

other two and three
syllable adjectives

most modern

irregular adjectives
for example ‘good’

best

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Summary comparison

	comparative	superlative
long	longer	longest
funny	funniest	funniest
modern	more modern	most modern
good	better	best

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Exercises

On the following three slides you will find the instructions for three exercises related to your subject.

Exercise I

Give comparative forms



Exercise



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Exercise II

Give superlative forms



Exercise



Key

All the excersises are prepared on the basis of the following list of adjectives. [[Go to the list](#)]

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Exercise - comparatives

Give comparative forms for a group of 25 adjectives

The screenshot shows a web-based quiz interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with a navigation bar containing '<= Index =>'. Below the header, a light purple box contains the instruction: 'Type your answer, then press "Check". If you need help, you can click on the "Hint" button to get a free letter.' The main content area has a white background with the title 'Adjectives: comparatives' and subtitle 'Short-answer quiz'. Below this is a navigation bar with '<= 1/25 =>'. The first question is '1 Supply the comparative form of: HOT'. There is an empty text input field for the answer. Below the input field are two buttons: 'Check' and 'Hint'. At the bottom, there is another dark blue footer with a navigation bar containing '<= Index =>'. Red boxes and arrows highlight various elements: the title, the question number '1', the adjective 'HOT', the input field, the 'Check' button, and the '1/25' progress indicator.

title

question number - press arrows to go to the next word

adjective to be transformed

supply the comparative

check your answer

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Exercise - superlatives

Give superlative forms for a group of 25 adjectives

The screenshot shows a web-based quiz interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a dark blue background and white text, containing a left arrow, the word 'Index', and a right arrow. Below this is a light purple instruction box: 'Type your answer, then press "Check". If you need help, you can click on the "Hint" button to get a free letter.' The main content area has a white background. The title 'Adjectives: superlatives' is in bold black text, with 'Short-answer quiz' below it. A second navigation bar is identical to the first, showing '<= 1/25 =>'. The first question is '1 Supply the superlative form of: HOT'. Below the question is a white text input field with a blue border. At the bottom of the question area are two buttons: 'Check' and 'Hint'. A final navigation bar at the very bottom is identical to the first, showing '<= Index =>'. Red arrows point from external text boxes to various elements: 'title' points to the quiz title; 'question number - press arrows to go to the next word' points to the '1/25' indicator; 'adjective to be transformed' points to the word 'HOT'; 'supply the superlative' points to the input field; and 'check your answer' points to the 'Check' button.

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List of adjectives

hot

nice

short

kind

exciting

good

bad

tired

big

pleasant

intelligent

happy

pretty

annoyed

tasty

upset

thin

young

lovely

attractive

unhappy

careless

perfect

terrible

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