

Comparison of Adjectives - Steigerung der Adjektive

one-syllable adjectives: 'Germanic' comparison with **-er and -est**
clean, cleaner, the cleanest

Exceptions to the rule

1. final 'y' after a consonant becomes *i*:
dry, drier, the driest
Exceptions: *shy, shyer, the shyest* und *sly, slyer, slyest*.
2. silent 'e' is dropped:
large, larger, the largest.
3. final consonant after short, stressed vowel is doubled
hot, hotter, the hottest
slim, slimmer, the slimmest

two-syllable adjectives: "French" comparison with **more and most**
skillfull, more skillfull, the most skillfull

Exceptions to the rule

1. **two-syllabic adjectives ending in -y:**
busy, busier, the busiest
happy, happier, the happiest
ugly, uglier, the ugliest
2. **two-syllabic adjectives ending in -er:**
clever, cleverer, the cleverest.
Exceptions: *eager, proper*
3. **two-syllabic adjectives ending in -le:**
gentle, gentler, the gentlest
simple, simpler, the simplest
4. **two-syllabic adjectives ending in -ow:**
narrow, narrower, the narrowest
shallow, shallower, the shallowest.
5. **two-syllabic adjectives with a stress on the second syllable:**
polite, politer, the politest –
severe, severer, the severest

adjectives of **three or more** syllables with **more and most**.
expensive, more expensive, the most expensive (three syllables)
convenient, more convenient, the most convenient (four syllables)

Irregular Adjectives

positive form	comparative form	superlative form
good	better	<i>the best</i>
bad / ill	worse	<i>the worst</i>
little (amount)	less	<i>the least</i>
little (size)	smaller	<i>the smallest</i>
much / many	more	<i>the most</i>
far (place + time)	further	<i>the furthest</i>
far (place)	farther	<i>the farthest</i>