

'er' or 'est' Ending?

Complete the sentences by adding either 'er' or 'est' to the adjectives.

1. Jenny is much fast_____ than Susan.
2. Thomas is the tall_____ in the class.
3. My bedroom is clean_____ than my brother's bedroom.
4. This ruler is long_____ than that one.
5. Caroline is the smart_____ girl I know.
6. It's dark_____ at 10pm than at 5pm.
7. I think I am the strong_____ kid in the class.
8. Melons are sweet_____ than apples.
9. I'm old_____ today than I was yesterday.
10. Timmy always has the great_____ ideas.

Base Word	Suffix 'er'	Suffix 'est'
bright		
straight		
small		
grey		
slow		
high		

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When an adjective ends in the letter 'e', drop the 'e' before adding 'er' or 'est'. Complete these sentences using the word provided.

1. My cat is _____ than your dog. **cute**
2. The sky is _____ than the sea. **blue**
3. My grandma has the _____ habits. **strange**
4. You will get _____ as you get older. **wise**
5. This is the _____ apple I've ever eaten. **ripe**
6. That is the _____ thing you've said. **true**
7. You're even _____ than usual. **late**
8. Francis has the _____ skin. **pale**
9. An elephant's feet are _____ than mine. **large**
10. The lion is the _____ animal. **fierce**

Base Word	Suffix 'er'	Suffix 'est'
white		
brave		
nice		
gentle		
loose		
rude		

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When a two-syllable adjective ends in 'y', drop the 'y' and add an 'i' before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. Jenny is the _____ girl in the world. **pretty**
2. My dad makes the _____ jokes. **witty**
3. My pet rat is _____ than my cat. **tiny**
4. I'm _____ when I'm at home. **happy**
5. That man's voice is _____ than mine. **raspy**
6. The box was _____ than all the others. **heavy**
7. That was the _____ cake. **yummy**
8. The orange was _____ than the pear. **sticky**
9. That was the _____ ghost train. **creepy**
10. This branch is the _____! **prickly**

Base Word	Suffix 'er'	Suffix 'est'
feisty		
cuddly		
dirty		
dry		
fluffy		
scary		

'er' or 'est' Ending?

Remember that for some words we double the end consonant before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. It is _____ today than yesterday. **wet**
2. He is the _____ person around. **mad**
3. That is the _____ cat I've ever seen! **big**
4. The road is _____ than the grass. **flat**
5. The weather is _____ today. **hot**
6. Tom is getting _____ every day. **thin**
7. That's the _____ thing I've ever heard. **sad**
8. The diet is making her _____. **slim**
9. The light is getting _____ by the second. **dim**
10. James told us the _____ tale. **grim**

Base Word	Suffix 'er'	Suffix 'est'
prim		
snug		
red		
fit		
glib		
fat		

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1. Jenny is much **faster** than Susan.
2. Thomas is the **tallest** in the class.
3. My bedroom is **cleaner** than my brother's bedroom.
4. This ruler is **longer** than that one.
5. Caroline is the **smartest** girl I know.
6. It's **darker** at 10pm than at 5pm.
7. I think I am the **strongest** kid in the class.
8. Melons are **sweeter** than apples.
9. I'm **older** today than I was yesterday.
10. Timmy always has the **greatest** ideas.

Base Word	Suffix 'er'	Suffix 'est'
bright	brighter	brightest
straight	straighter	straightest
small	smaller	smallest
grey	greyer	greyest
slow	slower	slowest
high	higher	highest

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When an adjective ends in the letter 'e', drop the 'e' before adding 'er' or 'est'. Complete these sentences using the word provided.

1. My cat is **cuter** than your dog. **cute**
2. The sky is **bluer** than the sea. **blue**
3. My grandma has the **strangest** habits. **strange**
4. You will get **wiser** as you get older. **wise**
5. This is the **ripest** apple I've ever eaten. **ripe**
6. That is the **truest** thing you've said. **true**
7. You're even **later** than usual. **late**
8. Francis has the **palest** skin. **pale**
9. An elephant's feet are **larger** than mine. **large**
10. The lion is the **fiercest** animal. **fierce**

Base Word	Suffix 'er'	Suffix 'est'
white	whiter	whitest
brave	braver	bravest
nice	nicer	nicest
gentle	gentler	gentlest
loose	looser	loosest
rude	ruder	rudest

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When a two-syllable adjective ends in 'y', drop the 'y' and add an 'i' before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. Jenny is the **prettiest** girl in the world. **pretty**
2. My dad makes the **wittiest** jokes. **witty**
3. My pet rat is **tinier** than my cat. **tiny**
4. I'm **happiest** when I'm at home. **happy**
5. That man's voice is **raspier** than mine. **raspy**
6. The box was **heavier** than all the others. **heavy**
7. That was the **yummiest** cake. **yummy**
8. The orange was **stickier** than the pear. **sticky**
9. That was the **creepiest** ghost train. **creepy**
10. This branch is the **prickliest!** **prickly**

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feisty	feistier	feistiest
cuddly	cuddlier	cuddliest
dirty	dirtier	dirtyest
dry	drier	driest
fluffy	fluffier	fluffiest
scary	scarier	scariest

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Remember that for some words we double the end consonant before adding the suffix. Complete these sentences:

1. It is **wetter** today than yesterday. **wet**
2. He is the **maddest** person around. **mad**
3. That is the **biggest** cat I've ever seen! **big**
4. The road is **flatter** than the grass. **flat**
5. The weather is **hotter** today. **hot**
6. Tom is getting **thinner** every day. **thin**
7. That's the **saddest** thing I've ever heard. **sad**
8. The diet is making her **slimmer**. **slim**
9. The light is getting **dimmer** by the second. **dim**
10. James told us the **grimmiest** tale. **grim**

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prim	primer	primest
snug	snugger	snuggest
red	redder	reddest
fit	fitter	fittest
glib	glibber	glibbest
fat	fatter	fattest