

**Adding -er and -est to adjectives  
where no change is needed to the  
root word**



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# What is a suffix?

A **suffix** is a group of letters that can be added on to the end of a **root** word to slightly change its meaning.

e.g. **walking**

**Walk** is the root word.

**ing** is the suffix.

Looking at things to find differences and similarities is called **comparing**.  
To compare objects, we use **adjectives** to **describe** them.



Let's compare these three pictures.  
Match the adjective to the picture.

tall

taller

tallest



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tallest

tall

taller

Tell your partner how the adjective **tall** has changed.

The ticket booth is **tall**.

The merry go round is **taller**.

The helter skelter is **tallest**.



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The adjective tall doesn't change  
and the ending is just added on.



Let's compare these three pictures.  
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quicker

quick

quickest



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The suffix 'er' is added to the end of adjectives to compare two things...

e.g. small.

The girl was smaller than the boy.



Can you add 'er' to these words,  
then put them in a sentence?

e.g. loud – The children were louder than their teacher.

hard	quiet	bright
dark	high	deep

The suffix 'est' can also be added to the end of adjectives to compare three or more things...

e.g. cold.

Thursday was the coldest day of the week.



Can you add 'est' to these words,  
then put them in a sentence?

e.g. loud – Simon was the loudest in the class.

hard	quiet	bright
dark	high	deep

Choose the right spelling pattern to finish these sentences.

1. Brushing your teeth makes your breath \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A giraffe is \_\_\_\_\_ than a man.
3. It is better to look for the \_\_\_\_\_ fruit to have for a snack.
4. The ballroom was the \_\_\_\_\_ place I had ever seen.
5. Mum says I must eat \_\_\_\_\_ at school.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ animal is the cheetah.
7. Cinderella wished she had a \_\_\_\_\_ dress for the ball.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ mountain in the world is Mount Everest.

grandest	grander	taller	quicker
quickest	freshest	fresher	tallest

