## Lesson 27: Comparing with Adjectives

## LEARN

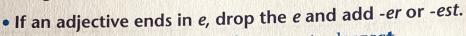
Adjectives can compare people, places, and things. Adjectives that compare tell how things are different from each other.

Lions are stronger than leopards. Lions are the **strongest** big cat.

 Add -er to most adjectives to compare two people, places, or things.

 Add -est to most adjectives to compare more than two people, places, or things.

Sometimes the spelling of an adjective changes when -er or -est is added.



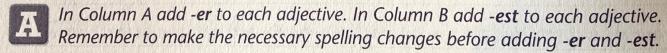
$$large + er = larger$$

 If an adjective ends in a consonant and y, change the y to i and add -er or -est.

 If an adjective ends in one vowel followed by a consonant, double the consonant and add -er or -est.

$$big + er = bigger$$

## PRACTICE



	$oldsymbol{A}$		B
1. cold	colder	<b>6.</b> warm	warmest
2. wild	wilder	_ <b>7.</b> simple	simplest
3. scarce	scarcer	<b>8.</b> late	latest
<b>4.</b> tiny	tinier	<b>9.</b> shady	shadiest
<b>5.</b> hot	hotter	_ <b>10.</b> thin	thinnest

Write the form of the adjective in parentheses that correctly
largest largest
1. Lions are the members of the cat family. (large)  2. Lions are than humans. (strong)
heavier heavier (strong)
heavier  They can drag  heavier  weights than people can. (heavy)  where they are than are th
## They are than any other cat. (mighty)  ## They are
of the big cats. (fast)
6. They are usually than their prey. (slow)
7. A zebra, for example, is than a line
8. Vision is the sharpest of a lion's five senses. (sharp)
dimmer dimmer
9. A lion can see in light than you can. (dim)
10. A lion's night vision is than its prey's night  vision. (keen)
1. Hunting at night is than hunting during the day. (easy)
A female lion is than a male lion. (small)
Females are hunters than males. (fierce)
Of all the cats, lions have theloudest roar. (loud)
Many people think that lions are the <u>grandest</u> animals of all. (grand)
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Lena wrote this report about tigers.
She made seven mistakes when
using and spelling adjectives that compare.
Use the proofreading marks in the box
to correct the errors.

Add -er to an adjective to compare two people, places, or things. Add -est to compare more than two.

Tigers are an endangered animal. Three kinds of tigers have become extinct. Six other kinds survive.

largest
Of these six groups, the larger are the Siberian tigers.

About 400 Siberian tigers are found in Asia.

A biger population lives in eastern Russia. These big iciest cats survive in some of the icyest forests on Earth.

Most Bengal tigers live in India, but a smallest

population is found in Nepal. Bengal tigers tend to live in hottest the hotest and wettest regions of India.

Indochinese tigers live mainly in the jungles of Thailand.

fewer
There may be fewwer than 1500 left.

Sumatran tigers are a fourth type of tiger. About 400 of them live on the island of Sumatra. Of all the types, darkest these have the darker coats.

Finally, there are the Malaysian tiger and the South China tiger, the rarest kind. None may be left in China.



Did you correct seven adjectives that compare?



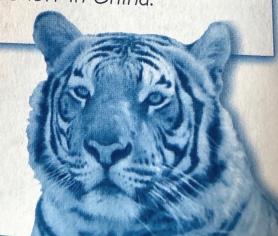
∧ Add

Period

**2** ✓ Take out

Capital letter

/ Small letter



## WRITE Write **Additional Resources at** SadlierConnect.com Follow the directions below to write groups of three sentences. In your first sentence use the adjective in parentheses. In your second sentence use the adjective with -er. In your third sentence use the adjective with -est. The first one is done for you. Answers will vary. Sample answers are given. 1. Use the following information about weight to compare these three big cats. (heavy) Cheetah 160 pounds Lion 400 pounds Siberian tiger 700 pounds A cheetah is heavy. A lion is heavier than a cheetah. The Siberian tiger is the heaviest of the three cats. 2. Use the following information about top speeds to compare these three cats. (fast) Leopard 36 mph Lion 50 mph Cheetah 70 mph A leopard is fast. A lion is faster than a leopard. The cheetah is the fastest of the three cats. 3. Use the following information about body length (including the ta. to compare these three big cats. (long) Cheetah 7 feet Lion 9 feet Leopard 6 feet A leopard is long. A cheetah is longer than a leopard.

Proofreading Checklist

Did you use an adjective with -er to compare two of the

The lion is the longest of the three cats.

big cats?

Did you use an adjective with -est to compare the three big cats?