

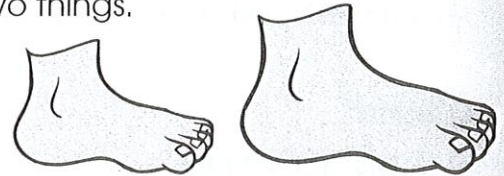
## Adjectives That Add "er"

The suffix **er** is often added to adjectives to compare two things.

### Example:

My feet are **large**.

Your feet are **larger** than my feet.



When a one-syllable adjective ends in a single consonant and the vowel is short, double the final consonant before adding **er**. When a word ends in two or more consonants, add **er**.

### Examples:

big — bigger (single consonant)

bold — bolder (two consonants)

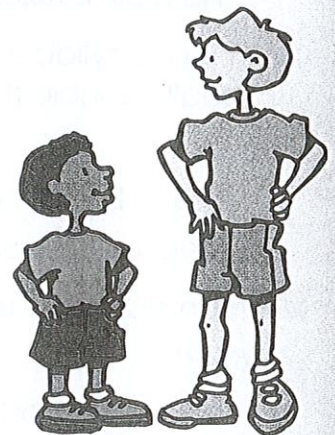
When an adjective ends in **y**, change the **y** to **i** before adding **er**.

### Examples:

easy — easier

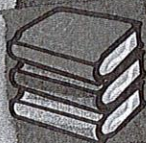
greasy — greasier

breezy — breezier



**Directions:** Use the correct rule to add **er** to the words below. The first one has been done for you.

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|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1. fast   | <u>faster</u>  | 11. skinny | <u>skinnier</u> |
| 2. thin   | <u>thinner</u> | 12. fat    | <u>fatter</u>   |
| 3. long   | <u>longer</u>  | 13. poor   | <u>poorer</u>   |
| 4. few    | <u>fewer</u>   | 14. juicy  | <u>juicier</u>  |
| 5. ugly   | <u>uglier</u>  | 15. early  | <u>earlier</u>  |
| 6. silly  | <u>sillier</u> | 16. clean  | <u>cleaner</u>  |
| 7. busy   | <u>busier</u>  | 17. thick  | <u>thicker</u>  |
| 8. grand  | <u>grander</u> | 18. creamy | <u>creamier</u> |
| 9. lean   | <u>leaner</u>  | 19. deep   | <u>deeper</u>   |
| 10. young | <u>younger</u> | 20. lazy   | <u>lazier</u>   |



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## Adjectives That Add "est"

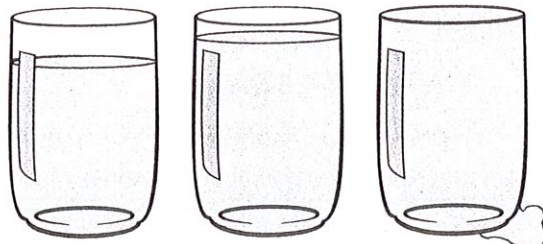
The suffix **est** is often added to adjectives to compare more than two things.

Example:

My glass is **full**.

Your glass is **fuller**.

His glass is **fullest**.



When a one-syllable adjective ends in a single consonant and the vowel sound is short, you usually double the final consonant before adding **est**.

Examples:

big — biggest (short vowel)

steep — steepest (long vowel)

When an adjective ends in **y**, change the **y** to **i** before adding **est**.

Example:

easy — easiest

**Directions:** Use the correct rule to add **est** to the words below. The first one has been done for you.

- |           |                  |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1. thin   | <u>thinnest</u>  | 11. quick | <u>quickest</u>  |
| 2. skinny | <u>skinniest</u> | 12. trim  | <u>trimmest</u>  |
| 3. cheap  | <u>cheapest</u>  | 13. silly | <u>silliest</u>  |
| 4. busy   | <u>busiest</u>   | 14. tall  | <u>tallest</u>   |
| 5. loud   | <u>loudest</u>   | 15. glum  | <u>glummiest</u> |
| 6. kind   | <u>kindest</u>   | 16. red   | <u>reddest</u>   |
| 7. dreamy | <u>dreamiest</u> | 17. happy | <u>happiest</u>  |
| 8. ugly   | <u>ugliest</u>   | 18. high  | <u>highest</u>   |
| 9. pretty | <u>prettiest</u> | 19. wet   | <u>wettest</u>   |
| 10. early | <u>earliest</u>  | 20. clean | <u>cleanest</u>  |