

Descriptive Adjectives

Adjectives that describe *what kind*, *which one*, and *how many* can make your writing more interesting and keep your readers engaged.

Look at the example below. Note how the descriptive adjectives enhance the sentence.

Example:

The flowers grew.

With Descriptive Adjectives:

The multitude of fragrant flowers grew tall and strong.

Look at the words below. Write a sentence that uses the noun and descriptive adjective correctly. The first one has been done for you.

1. book/interesting

The interesting book held my attention all day.

2. dog/friendly

3. movie/scary

4. car/new

5. meal/spicy

6. horn/blaring

7. surface/smooth

8. coat/tattered

Adjectives That Compare

Comparative adjectives compare two things, and superlative adjectives compare three or more things. Use *-er* and *-est* to compare with single-syllable adjectives.

Comparative Adjectives *-er*

- This cup is larger than that cup.
- My tie is shinier than the tie on display.

Superlative Adjectives *-est*

- This is the largest cup in the cupboard.
- This tie is the shiniest tie on the shelves.

Look at the words below. Use *-er* and *-est* to write two sentences that use both of the words. The first one has been done for you.

1. dress/new

The cotton dress is newer than the silk dress.

This dress is my newest dress.

2. house/old

3. book/thick

4. train/loud

More/Most and Better/Best

When an adjective has more than one syllable, you will usually use *more* to form the comparative and *most* to form the superlative.

Eliza is more comfortable playing the piano than Harry.

Some adjectives have irregular comparative and superlative forms, such as *good/better/best*. These adjectives do not use *-er* and *-est* or *more* and *most*.

Sasha is a good speller, but Eli is the best speller in class.

A Complete each sentence by writing the correct form of the adjective in parentheses. The first one has been done for you.

1. My mother makes the best spaghetti in the world! (good)
2. I like fish _____ than chicken. (good)
3. My new room is _____ than my old room. (large)
4. These are the _____ cherries I have ever tasted. (sweet)
5. His directions to the party are _____ than the directions I got online. (complicated)
6. Sandra wrote the _____ essay in the whole class. (organized)
7. A quilt is _____ than a sheet. (thick)
8. What is the _____ color in the world? (popular)

B Write two sentences that each use a comparative adjective.

1. _____
2. _____