

COMPARATIVES REFERENCE SHEET

(A) Memorize the few adjectives that have an irregular comparative form:

good - better	well - better
bad - worse	much - more
many - more	little - less
far - farther (physical distance) / further (abstract, ideas)	

(B) To one-syllable adjectives ending in -e, add r.

tame - tamer	nice - nicer
lame - lamer	fine - finer

(C) To one-syllable adjectives ending in CVC pattern (consonant-vowel-consonant), double the final consonant and add -er.

wet - wetter	big - bigger
hot - hotter	fit - fitter
fat - fatter	sad - sadder

(D) Otherwise, to one-syllable adjectives, add -er.

cheap - cheaper	tall - taller
soft - softer	high - higher

(E) To one-syllable adjectives ending in -y, just add -er. To two-syllable adjectives that end in -y, change -y to i and add -er. *exception: dry

sly - slyer	dirty - dirtier
wry - wryer	easy - easier
shy - shyer	happy - happier
BUT: dry - drier	

(F) To other adjectives with two or more syllables, use *more*.

beautiful - more beautiful	expensive - more expensive
intelligent - more intelligent	famous - more famous

Note: In English, we never double x, w, or y.