Spelling

Adding 'er' and 'est' to adjectives.
Adding ‘er’

Look how easy it is to add ‘er’ to these words.

- quick + er = quicker
- great + er = greater
- full + er = fuller
- bright + er = brighter
- tall + er = taller
Have a go at adding 'er' to these words.

cold colder
short shorter
slow slower
high higher

Did you get them right?

Well done!
Adding ‘est’

It is just as easy to add ‘est’ to these words.

cold
colder
coldest
short
shorter
shortest
slow
slower
slowest
high
higher
highest
Adding 'er' and 'est' to adjectives that end in an e
Words ending in *e* are a bit more tricky!

- late + *er* → late *er*
- fine + *er* → fine *er*

Can you see what is happening?

If a word ends in an *e* you must drop the *e* before adding ‘*er*’. 
Have a go at adding ‘er’ to these words.

cute
cuter
large
larger
nice
nicer

Did you get them right?

Well done!
Adding ‘est’

It is just as easy to add ‘est’ to these words.

cute  cuter  cutest

large  larger  largest

nice  nicer  nicest
Adding 'er' and 'est' to adjectives that end in a y
Words ending in \( y \) are also tricky!

- lonely + er \( \rightarrow \) lonely\(y\)er
- noisy + er \( \rightarrow \) noisy\(y\)er

Can you see what is happening?

If a word ends in a \( y \) you must change the \( y \) into an \( i \) before adding ‘er’.
Have a go at adding 'er' to these words

- happy + er \→ happy\text{er}
- silly + er \→ silly\text{er}
- easy + er \→ easy\text{er}
Adding ‘est’

It is just as easy to add ‘est’ to these words.

happy  happier  happiest
silly  sillier  silliest
easy  easier  easiest
Adding 'er' and 'est' to adjectives that end in one vowel and one consonant
Some adjectives need to add an extra letter when adding ‘er’!

slim + er → slimm er

flat + er → flatt er

Can you see what is happening?

If a word contains a short vowel followed by one consonant you must add the same consonant again before adding ‘er’.
Have a go at adding ‘er’ to these words

fat + er → fatt er
hot + er → hott er
thin + er → thinn er

Beware! There are a few exceptions to this rule. If the consonant is a ‘w’ you do not add an extra consonant!
Adding ‘est’

It is just as easy to add ‘est’ to these words.

fat  fatter  fattest

hot  hotter  hottest

thin  thinner  thinnest
• Most words just add ‘er’ or ‘est’.

• Words ending in e ... drop the e before adding ‘er’ or ‘est’.

• Words ending in y ... change the y into an i before adding ‘er’ or ‘est’.

• Words that contain one short vowel and one consonant need a double letter before adding ‘er’ or ‘est’.

There can be some exceptions!
Well Done!

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