

comparative and superlative adjectives: forms

Comparative adjectives are forms like *colder, more famous*.
Superlative adjectives are forms like *coldest, most famous*.

- **most short (one-syllable) adjectives:** + *-er, -est* *old* → *older, oldest*
- **short adjectives ending in -e:** + *-r, -st* *nice* → *nicer, nicest*

1 Write the comparative and superlative adjectives.

- ▶ cold *colder, coldest* 5 strange
- ▶ late *later, latest* 6 fine
- 1 green 7 high
- 2 safe 8 wide
- 3 rich 9 near
- 4 small 10 white

- **short adjectives ending in one vowel + one consonant:**
 double consonant + *-er, -est* *fat* → *fatter, fattest* *thin* → *thinner, thinnest*
 BUT **don't double w:** *low* → *lower, lowest*

2 Write the comparative and superlative adjectives.

- ▶ red *redder, reddest* 2 hot
- ▶ slow *slower, slowest* 3 new
- 1 big
- 4 wet
- 5 slim

- **two-syllable adjectives ending in -y:** *y* → *i* + *-er, -est* *happy* → *happier, happiest*

3 Write the comparative and superlative adjectives.

- ▶ friendly *friendlier, friendliest* 3 sleepy
- 1 lazy 4 angry
- 2 hungry 5 dirty

- **most other longer adjectives:** + *more, most* *hopeful* → *more hopeful, most hopeful*

4 Write the comparative and superlative adjectives.

- ▶ famous *more famous, most famous* 4 dangerous
- 1 careful 5 important
- 2 beautiful 6 boring
- 3 intelligent 7 interested

- **irregular adjectives:** *good* → *better, best* *bad* → *worse, worst*
 far → *further, furthest* OR *farther, farthest*

5 Put in irregular comparative adjectives.

- ▶ I know that my handwriting is bad, but Jenny's is *worse*
- 1 I'm so tired. Is the bus stop much
- 2 I don't enjoy train travel here, but I do in France – the trains are there.
- 3 'How's your toothache today?' 'It's' 'You should see a dentist.'