

- (5) When the positive word is a one – syllable word and ends in a single consonant preceded by a short vowel, this consonant is doubled before adding 'er' and 'est'.

fat	fatter	fattest
fit	fitter	fittest
hot	hotter	hottest

- (6) Adjectives with two or more than two syllables form the comparative by using the adverb 'more' with the positive, and the superlative by using the adverb 'most' with the positive.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
industrious	more industrious	most industrious
magnificent	more magnificent	most magnificent

- (7) Some Adjectives form their comparative and superlative in an irregular way.

good, well	better	best
bad, ill	worse	worst
little	less, lesser	least
much (quantity)	more	most
many (number)	more	most
far (distance)	farther	farthest
far	further	furthest
fore	former	foremost, first
late	later, latter	latest, last
old	older, elder	oldest, eldest
hind	hinder	hindmost / hindermost
near	nearer	nearest / next
in	inner	innermost
out	outer	outermost
up	upper	uppermost

1. Fill in the blanks with the proper form (comparative or superlative) of the adjective:

- The elephant is the most intelligent (intelligent) of all animals.
- It was the proudest (proud) moment of my life.
- The youngest (young) brother of all was given least (little) pocket money.
- Her job was dearer (dear) to the mother than her baby.
- Spiderman was mightier (mighty) than the giant.
- Pulses, cereals, fruits and juices are more nutritious (nutritious) than cheese and butter.
- Though Saudi Arabia is the driest (dry) part of Asia, it exports oil, the most useful (useful) product.

- (8) At times the public has a better (good) opinion than the elite class.
- (9) Ravi is the idlest (idle) boy in the class.
- (10) The thief's colour turned greyer (grey) than before.
- (11) Drumstick is thinner (thin) than bottlegourd.
- (12) The sand on the seashore is finer (fine) than that of the mountain.

2. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the brackets:

(to, than, of)

- (1) Diamond jewellery is costlier than any other jewellery.
- (2) Mr. Gupta was senior to the teachers by five years.
- (3) A friend is better than a foe.
- (4) He cares more than the other two.
- (5) Prior to his being a leader, the principal had nominated him.
- (6) Peat is inferior to coal.
- (7) Indian handicraft is superior to the other hand-made products of the world.
- (8) Sangeeta will be the best sportswoman of all.