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Sentence Skills



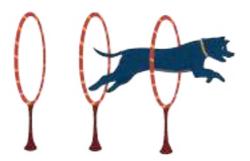


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Sentence Patterns

The bird flies. \rightarrow The little bird flies. \rightarrow The green bird flies. \rightarrow The bird flies quickly. \rightarrow The bird flies high in the sky. \rightarrow The little green bird flies quickly high in the sky.

The person went into the store. The person wanted to buy something. Things are expensive. \rightarrow Joy went into the department store. She wanted to buy a dress. But clothes are so expensive.

Matthew is studying. Matthew is listening to music. → Matthew is studying and listening to music.

I have a flower. Ellen has two flowers. \rightarrow I have a flower, and Ellen has two flowers. The sun is shining. It's very cold today. \rightarrow The sun is shining, but it's very cold today.

Jane likes to go to the library. Jane has free time. \rightarrow Jane likes to go to the library when she has free time.

The baseball game was canceled. It rained. → The baseball game was canceled because it rained.

The lion stands. → The lion stands on a stool. The bear climbs. → The bear climbs up the tree.

Sentence Patterns

Rachel at the park. (x) Likes skating (x) Rachel likes skating at the park. (O)

The dog barks + loudly (how) + early in the morning (when). The cat hugs her baby + because she loves it (why).

Hi, everybody! My name is Rachel. I'm from Seattle, Washington. I'm thirteen years old. I live in an apartment with my family. I like to help my parents with housework.

My home is in Africa. I'm big and black. I have long, curved horns on my huge head. I'm stronger than a bull. I'm faster than a tiger. What am I? I am a buffalo.

Dear Joy, My birthday is coming. I will be 15 years old. I'm having a birthday party on next Saturday at 2 p.m. The party will be held at my house. I really hope you can come. Your pal, Pedro Correa

Sentence Patterns

I have a little sister, They call her Peep, peep, peep; She wades in the water so Deep, deep, deep.

She climbs the mountains so High, high, high; Poor little creature, She has but one eye.

The girl is very pretty/ attractive. The play is about to begin/ start.

There was a light/ heavy rain last night. The refrigerator was full/ empty.

We go to school every day. I'd like two ice cream cones, please. Luke wants an ice cream cone, too.

Sometimes Joy eats some cookies with the tea. Then she goes to her bedroom and does her homework.



Adjectives usually come before the nouns they describe and come after verbs like **be**, **seem**, or **feel**.



Look at the following examples:

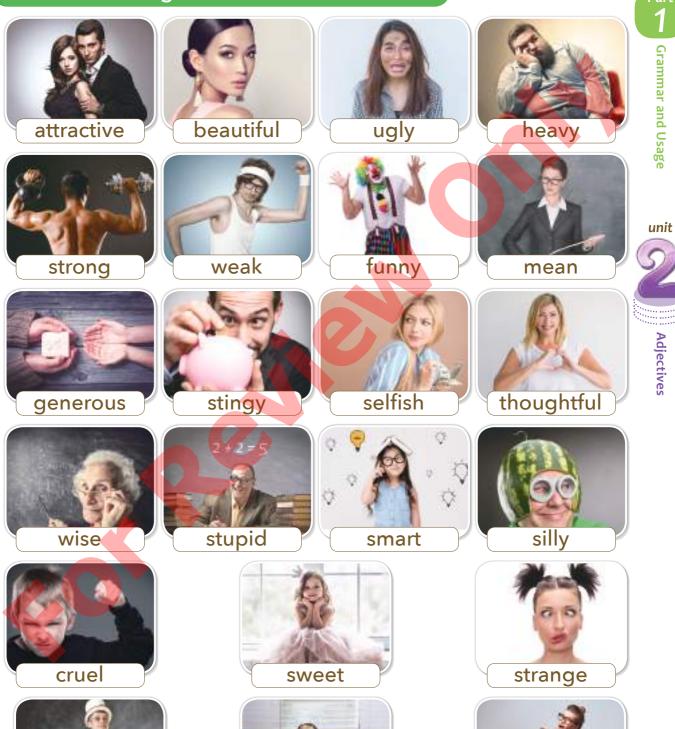
- 1 Lily likes her pretty pink dress.
- 2 The young boy is smart.
- 3 There are six colorful balloons in the sky.
- 4 I saw many ducks in the pond.
- 5 How do you feel? I feel wonderful.
- 6 The angry man made me feel afraid.
- 7 She seems sad after the death of her dog.

Emotions

old-fashioned

scared angry sorry excited satisfied confused

Positive and Negative Qualities of a Person



lazy

Your Turn!

A Read the following story and circle all of the adjectives. Then, answer the questions on page 25.





Joy was unhappy. She didn't know which dress to wear to the party. Her pretty blue dress looked too old-fashioned. The red silk dress felt too tight. The black winter one was too heavy and made her feel hot. Finally, Joy put on her green dress. She looked really nice in that dress. So she decided to wear it.

Next, she had to choose her shoes. The black ones were new and shiny. But the old brown shoes were more comfortable, so she decided to wear those. Joy looked at herself in the big round mirror.

She looked attractive, but something was still missing. She felt confused.



Joy thought and thought. What was needed was a hat, so she put on her funny old hat with the long gray feather and looked again. Now she looked really special. She hoped everyone at the party would think so, too.

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Questions

Write down all the adjectives that you could find in the story.
What did Joy wear to the party in the end?



Adjectives that Compare

In MOVE ON! Sentence Skills 1, we introduced some basic rules about comparative and superlative forms of adjectives. Here are some more examples.

1 If an adjective ends with an **e**, drop the **e** before adding the **-er** or **-est** ending.

Base Form

large

simple

wise

blue

white

cute

huge

Comparative

larger (than)

simpler (than)

wiser (than)

bluer (than)

whiter (than)

cuter (than)

huger (than)

Superlative

the largest

the simplest

the wisest

the bluest

the whitest

the cutest

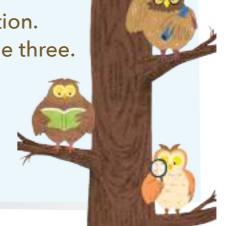
the hugest



Look at the following examples:

This question is simple.
That question is simpler than this question.
The other question is the simplest of the three.

2 This owl is wise.
That owl is wiser.
But the wisest owl of all is up there on the tree.



If an adjective ends with a single vowel followed by a consonant, double the consonant before adding the -er or -est ending.

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Base Form

big

fat

hot

thin

Comparative

bigger (than)

fatter (than)

hotter (than)

thinner (than)

Superlative

the biggest

the fattest

the hottest

the thinnest





Look at the following example:

1 A dolphin is big.

A shark is bigger than a dolphin.

A whale is the biggest of all.



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If an adjective ends with a consonant and **y**, change the **y** to **i** before adding **-er** or **-est**.

Base Form

angry

busy

easy

funny

happy

lazy

pretty

shiny

tiny

ugly

Comparative

angrier (than)

busier

easier

funnier

happier

lazier

prettier

shinier

tinier

uglier

Superlative

the angriest

busiest

easiest

funniest

happiest

laziest

prettiest

shiniest

tiniest

ugliest



Look at the following examples:

1 A marble is shiny.

A mirror is shinier than a marble.

A diamond is the shiniest of them all.



A bee is **busier than** a butterfly.

An ant is the busiest of them all.



Some long adjectives use more and the most.

Base Form

beautiful dangerous exciting expensive interesting wonderful

Comparative

more beautiful (than) more dangerous more exciting more expensive more interesting more wonderful

Superlative

the most beautiful the most dangerous the most exciting the most expensive the most interesting the most wonderful

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Look at the following examples:

1 A cell phone is **expensive**. A computer is more expensive than a cell phone. A car is the most expensive of the three.







2 Skiing down a mountain is dangerous. Climbing a mountainn is more dangerous. Jumping out of an airplane is the most dangerous of all.









Some adjectives do not follow any pattern. They have special ways of forming the comparative and the superlative.

Base Form

bad

good

Comparative

worse (than)

better

Superlative

the worst the best



Look at the following examples:

1 The coffee tastes bad.

The ginseng tea tastes worse.

The medicine tastes the worst of all.







2 The white pillow feels good.

The yellow pillow feels better.

The blue pillow feels the best.







1 We just had the hottest

(hotter, hottest) summer in history.

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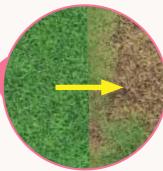
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- 2 Rachel was ____ (happier, happiest) about the trip than we were.
- 3 Mom's garden this year is (more beautiful, most beautiful) than last year.
- 4 That was the ______ (worse, worst) movie I ever saw.
- 5 He is the (thinner, thinnest) boy in the group.



- 6 That story was _____ (more, the most)
 - exciting story I've ever read.



(B) Read and complete the chart.

short		the shortest
fat	fatter	
	easier	the easiest
funny	funnier	
beautiful	more beautiful	
bad		the worst
thin	thinner	
	better	the best
weak		the weakest
expensive		the most expensive
big		the biggest

C Answer the questions based on your family.



Who is the youngest in your family?



Who is the tallest in your family?



Who is the happiest person in your family?

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The passage below has some mistakes which are highlighted. Write the correct word above the wrong one.



largest

The larger mountains in the world are the Himalayan Mountains. These highest mountains are found in Nepal. They are high than the Rocky Mountains in North America. They are highest than the Andes Mountains in South America. The higher mountain of the Himalayas is Mount Everest. It is tall than Mount Denali in Alaska. Mount Denali is the taller mountain in North America. Mount Everest is also high than Aconcagua in Chile. That is the higher mountain in South America.