

**INSTRUCTOR:** Comparatives and Superlatives. We use the comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs to compare things. Comparative modifiers are used to compare two things. Comparative adjectives and adverbs usually end in *er* or are used with the word *more*. This building is taller than that one. This store is more crowded than that one. Keegan runs faster than Dylan. In all of these sentences, two things are being compared.

Superlatives are used when comparing three or more things. Superlative adjectives and adverbs usually end in *est* or are used with the word *most*. This is the tallest building on the block. This is the most crowded store in the mall. Of all the students at the track meet, Keegan ran the fastest. In all these sentences, three or more things are being compared.

When forming most comparatives and superlatives, use the *er* or *est* ending or use the word *more* or *most*. Use this chart as a guide. If you are forming the comparative or superlative of *good*, *bad*, *well*, or *badly*, use the irregular forms *better*, *best*, *worse*, and *worst*.

For all other adjectives and adverbs, apply these general rules. For most one syllable words, such as *hard* and *fast*, add *er* or *est*. For most adverbs of more than one syllable, use *more* or *most*. For most two syllable adjectives that end in *y*, such as *scary*, or *le* such as *simple*, add *er* or *est*. For most other adjectives of more than one syllable, use *more* or *most*.

The words *more* and *most* should not be used together with the *er* and *est* forms of adjectives and adverbs. This laptop is the most heaviest I have tried. The word *most* is redundant with *heaviest*, so it should be removed. This laptop is the heaviest I have tried. With the word *most* omitted, this sentence is now correct. Here is another example. Jayden sings more better than Devon. The word *more* is redundant with *better*, so it should be removed. Jayden sings better than Devon. With the word *more* omitted, the sentence is now correct.

Remember to form and use comparatives and superlatives correctly so that your writing will be clear and accurate.