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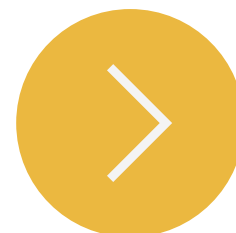
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ADJECTIVES L3.1 – THE COMPARATIVE FORM

USE OF COMPARATIVE

The comparative is the first form of comparison and describes things that are **NOT** the same.

CONSTRUCTION

You have to form the comparative as follows: adjective + "-er".

The comparative form is often followed by "als" and the second noun, which you compare to the subject.

- „Kevin rennt **schneller** als Max.“
- „Lisa ist **kleiner** als Maria.“



IRREGULARITIES

If the adjective ends in "el", the "e" is removed when constructing the comparative form.

(That does not fit for the superlative.)

- sensibel – sensib**ler** – am sensibelsten
- dunkel – dunk**ler** – am dunkelsten
- flexibel – flexib**ler** – am flexibelsten

If the adjective ends in "er", and has a vowel in front of it, the "e" is omitted when using the comparative form.

- teuer – te**urer** – am teuersten
- sauer – sa**urer** – am sauersten
- sauber – saub**er** – am saubersten

Note that adjectives rarely end in "er".

Monosyllabic adjectives often form the comparative with an umlaut (ä, ö, ü).

- groß – gr**ößer** – am gr**ößten**
- klug – kl**üger** – am kl**ügsten**
- alt – **älter** – am **ältesten**

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ADJECTIVES L3.2 – THE SUPERLATIVE FORM

USE OF THE SUPERLATIVE

The superlative is the highest form of comparison. A superlative adjective expresses the extreme or highest degree of quality. We use a superlative adjective to describe the extreme quality of one thing in a group of things.

CONSTRUCTION

The superlative is formed as follows: with the definite article + adjective + ending "-ste"
OR with "am" + adjective + ending "-sten"

- „Kevin ist **der schnellste** Läufer.“
- „Kevin rennt **am schnellsten**.“

IRREGULARITIES

Adjectives ending in "-d", "-t", "-s", "-ß", "x", or "z" usually form the superlative with "-est-":

- leicht – leichter – am leicht**esten**
- heiß – heißer – am heiß**esten**
- schlecht – schlechter – am schlecht**esten**



Exception: groß – größer – am größten

Monosyllabic adjectives often form the superlative with an umlaut.

- groß – größer – am gr**ö**ßten
- klug – klüger – am kl**ü**gsten
- alt – älter – am ä**l**testen

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