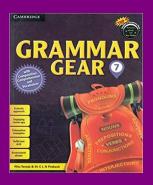


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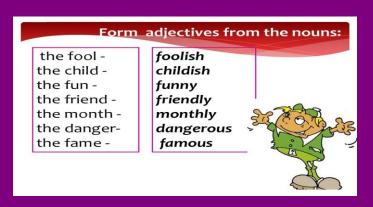
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GRAMMAR GEAR GRADE 7

3. FORMATION OF ADJECTIVES





Adjectives are words that describe <u>nouns</u>. We can make adjectives by adding prefixes and suffixes.

SUFFIXES TO FORM ADJECTIVES

Formation

We can use suffixes to change nouns and verbs into adjectives, or to change the meaning of an adjective.

Some suffixes have a general meaning whilst others simply transform words into adjectives.

She adopted a dog without a home.

→ She adopted a **homeless** dog.

SUFFIX	NOUN - ADJECTIVE	NOUN – ADJECTIVE	NOUN - ADJECTIVE
-AL relating to	accident – accidental	brute – brutal	region – regional
	region – regional	person – personal	universe –universal
-ARY relating to quality or place	custom – customary	moment – momentary	caution – cautionary
	compliment – complimentary	honour – honorary	diet – dietary
-FUL full of	beauty – beautiful	wonder – wonderful	awe – awful
	skill – skillful	success – successful	delight – delightful
-IC having the nature of; caused by	athlete – athletic	base – basic	history – historic
	photograph – photographic	science – scientific	rhythm– rhythmic
-ICAL having the nature of	magic – magical	logic – logical	history – historical
	practice – practical	statistic – statistical	alphabet – alphabetical
-ISH origin, nature	fool – foolish	child – childish	self – selfish
	sheep – sheepish	pink – pinkish	girl – girlish
-LESS without	power – powerless	friend – friendless	worth – worthless
	use – useless	home – homeless	penny – penniless
-LIKE like	like – lifelike	lady – ladylike	war - warlike
	child – childlike	bird – birdlike	spring - springlike
-LY like	friend – friendly	cost – costly	month – monthly
	day – daily	order – orderly	coward – cowardly
-OUS quality, nature	poison – poisonous	danger – dangerous	nerve – nervous
	courtesy – courteous	mystery – mysterious	victory – victorious
-Y like	rain – rainy	fun – funny	dirt – dirty
	mess – messy	dirt – dirty	spot – spotty

SUFFIX	VERB – ADJECTIVE	VERB – ADJECTIVE	VERB – ADJECTIVE
-ABLE able, can do	agree – agreeable	expand – expandable	laugh – laughable
	pass – passable	remark – remarkable	pay – payable
-IBLE able, can do	access – accessible flex – flexible	force – forcible permit – permissible	sense – sensible force – forcible
-ANT performing agent	please – pleasant	rely – reliant	ignore – ignorant
	resist – resistant	vacate – vacant	comply – compliant
-ENT performing agent	excel – excellent	depend – dependent	confide – confident
	urge – urgent	differ – different	equal – equivalent
-IVE causing effect	attract – attractive	create – creative	select – selective
	posses – possessive	prevent – preventive	destruct – destructive
-ING causing effect	amuse – amusing relax –relaxing	excite – exciting surprise –surprising	confuse – confusing amaze – amusing
-ED receiving effect	amuse – amused	excite – excited	confuse – confused
	relax – relaxed	surprise – surprised	overwhelm – overwhelmed
-EN receiving effect	freeze – frozen	lighten – lightened	darken – darkened
	braze – brazen	shorten – shortened	widen – widened

Degree of comparison
Positive Degree
Comparative Degree
Superlative Degree

Positive Degree: An adjective is said to be in the positive degree when there is no comparison.

Example:

- James is tall.
- The **house** is **big**.
- This **flower** is **beautiful**.

Comparative Degree: An adjective is said to be in the comparative degree when it is used to compare two nouns/pronouns.

Example:

• Riya is taller than Jiya.



 This house is bigger than that one.



• **She** is **nicer** than **him**.



Superlative Degree: An adjective is in superlative degree when it is used to compare more than two nouns/pronouns. We use the article 'the' before the superlative degrees.

Example:

• Peter is the smartest boy in class.



Alice is the sweetest girl in the neighbourhood.



The blue whale is the largest of all animals.



Rule1. Adjectives of one syllable

- Adjectives of one syllable add -er and -est.
- Adjectives ending on 'e' just add -r and -st.
- > Some adjectives double the final consonant.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
small	smaller	smallest
warm	warmer	warmest
old	older	oldest
nic e	nicer	nicest
bi g	big <mark>ge</mark> r	biggest

Rule 2.

Adjectives of two syllables

- > Some adjectives of two syllables add -er and -est.
- For adjectives ending in 'y' cut y then add -ier and-iest.
- Adjectives ending in -ful, -less, -ing, -ed use more and most.
- Some other adjectives of two syllables use **more** and **most** (modern, famous, normal, correct, ...).

Comparative Superlative Adjective narrowest narrower narrow happier happiest happy more useful most useful useful more boring most boring boring most modern more modern modern

Rule 3.

Adjectives of three or more syllables

Adjectives of three or more syllables use more and most.

Adjective beautiful dangerous exciting Comparative
more beautiful
more dangerous
more exciting

Superlative most beautiful most dangerous most exciting

Rule 4.

Irregular adjectives

You will have to memorize these.

Adjective Comparative Superlative good (well) better best bad worst worse least little less much, many most more farther, further farthest far later last, latest late old older, elder older, oldest

practice

For each pair of sentences below, complete the secon	d
sentence with the adjective form of the italicized noun of verb in the first sentence.	or

1.	This birdho	ise is made of wood. My grandfather used to
	make	birdhouses.

- 2. I don't desire fortune or *fame*. Not all rich and _____ people are happy.
- 3. I don't desire *fortune* or fame. If you have good friends, you are a _____ person.
- 4. I *rely* on my iPad for recipes while cooking. My iPad is a _____ and durable gadget.
- 5. I have a deep **passion** for running. I am _____ about all forms of exercise.
- 6. Lucy **studies** for at least three hours every night. She is the most _____ person in her class.
- 7. The **poison** in this rare mushroom can cause serious kidney damage. Fortunately, most mushrooms aren't _____.

Here are the correct answers (in bold) to the exercise

- 1. My grandfather used to make wooden birdhouses.
- 2. Not all rich and famous people are happy.
- 3. If you have good friends, you are a fortunate person.
- 4. My iPad is a reliable and durable gadget.
- 5. I am passionate about all forms of exercise.
- 6. She is the most studious person in her class.
- 7. Fortunately, most mushrooms aren't poisonous.

> Fill in the correct form of the words in brackets (comparative or superlative).

1.	My house is (big)	_than yours.
	\ \C\/	than that one.
3.	This is the (interesting)	book I
	have ever read.	
4.	Non-smokers usually live (long	g) than smokers.
5.	Which is the (dangerous)	animal in
	the world?	
6.	A holiday by the sea is (good) _	than a
	holiday in the mountains.	
7.	It is strange but often a coke is	(expensive)
	than a beer	•

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