

ADJECTIVES

Taller Than Tall

Tim is **tall**, but his uncle is **taller**. Tall and taller are adjectives (words that describe nouns). Tall is a regular adjective, which is called the **positive degree**. Taller is the **comparative degree** of the adjective. We use it to compare two things.

We add **-er** to most one- and two-syllable adjectives to make them comparative. If the word ends with **-y**, remember to change the **y** to **i** before adding **-er**.

When an adjective is longer—three syllables or more—we put the word *more* in front of it. For example:

*The Colossus of Rhodes was a **beautiful** statue, but I think the Statue of Liberty is even **more beautiful**.*

DIRECTIONS

On the blank lines, write the comparative degrees of the adjectives in boldface. If you're not sure of the spelling, check your dictionary. Sometimes you just have to add **-er**, and sometimes you have to put **more** in front of the adjective.

1. My cousin thinks she's so **smart**, but I am a _____ person by far, and not conceited about it, either.
2. Since your **glamorous** gown was eaten by the dragon, Princess, the royal tailors have made you an even _____ gown.
3. If you think a baby elephant is a **heavy** thing to carry, try lifting this baby hippo; it's much _____.
4. My grandma always baked **mouthwatering** cakes, but now that she's graduated from pastry school, her cakes are _____.
5. Your mother said your room was **messy**, but if she ever saw my room, she'd know that mine is _____ than yours by a long shot!
6. The movie we saw last week was **funny**, but the one we saw tonight was _____ by a thousand laughs.
7. He thinks that the Haunted House ride is **frightening**, but the Tower of Snakes ride is much _____.
8. Okay, King Kong was **colossal**, but don't you think that Godzilla was _____ by at least a few inches?