

Keywords

Adjectives are words that describe things, like *cool*. To say that ferrets are *cooler* than dogs, we make *cool* into a COMPARATIVE by adding the suffix “-er.” To say llamas are the *coolest* pets of all, we make *cool* into a SUPERLATIVE by adding the suffix “-est.”

READ the paragraph. The words in **bold** are your keywords.

In my family, Trisha is the **oldest**. She thinks she's **smarter** than everyone. My sister Ann is the **quietest** and **neatest** person ever! Derek is the **youngest**, but he's **taller** than I am. Mom says I'm the **wildest** one, and she wishes I were **calmer** and **cleaner**, like Ann. In sports, Dad can throw **longer**, but Derek is **quicker**, and I'm **stronger**. We have a lot of fun together.

FILL IN the blanks with the **bold** words in alphabetical order.

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

Alternate Endings

ADD the comparative and superlative suffix to each of the words.

Example: cool cooler coolest

Word

Comparative

Superlative

calm

1. _____

clean

2. _____

long

3. _____

neat

4. _____

old

5. _____

quick

6. _____

quiet

7. _____

smart

8. _____

strong

9. _____

tall

10. _____

wild

11. _____

young

12. _____

Word Blocks

One way to remember the spelling of a word is to picture its shape. Word blocks are a good way to practice.

Example:

FILL IN the word blocks with words of the same shape from the list.

HINT: Look for double consonants and watch out for the word endings.

calmer

neatest

cleanest

younger

quickest

wilder

1

2

3

4

5

6

Alternate Endings Again!

ADD the suffixes to make the words into comparatives and superlatives.

Example: round rounder roundest

Word

Comparative

Superlative

bright

1. _____

cheap

2. _____

high

3. _____

smooth

4. _____

weak

5. _____

blind

6. _____
