

# MODIFIERS

## Lesson 36

### Adjectives

Adjectives can be used in comparisons which means we change the form of the adjective when speaking of one, two, or more than two. They change either by adding *er* or *est* to the adjective or by using the words *more* or *most* before the adjective. Some are irregular in their form and must be memorized or looked up in the dictionary. The dictionary gives the forms for most words using *er* or *est* to form comparisons. The three degrees of comparison are called (1) *positive* which states a quality of one thing or person, (2) *comparative* which compares two things or persons, and (3) *superlative* which compares more than two things or persons. Examples: *positive* - new, careless, good; *comparative* - newer, more careless, better; *superlative* - newest, most careless, best

Write the comparative and superlative forms of the following adjectives.

1. jolly
2. honest
3. dim
4. friendly
5. little

## Lesson 37

### Adjectives

In comparison of adjectives, one-syllable adjectives and some two-syllable adjectives (especially those ending in *y* or *le*) form the comparative with *er* and the superlative with *est*. Examples: new, newer, newest; jolly, jollier, jolliest.

Write the correct comparative and superlative forms for the following adjectives.

1. glad
2. prompt

3. small

4 noble

5. funny

### **Lesson 38**

#### Adjectives

Many two-syllable adjectives and almost all adjectives with three or more syllables use *more* or *most* to form the comparative and superlative forms. Examples: honest, more honest, most honest; careful, more careful, most careful.

Write the comparative and superlative forms for these words.

1. interesting

2. critical

3. splendid

4. delicious

5. outstanding

### **Lesson 39**

#### Adjectives

There are a few adjectives that are irregular in their comparisons. Examples: good, better, best.

Give the comparative and superlative forms of the following words.

1. many

2. ill

3. much

4. perfect

5. bad

## **Lesson 40**

### Adjectives

Never use double comparisons. If you use *er* or *est*, then don't use *more* or *most*. Correct: He is busier than I. Incorrect: He is more busier than I.

Chose the correct form in the following sentences.

1. Yesterday we played our (worse, worst) concert.
2. I am (more hungrier, hungrier) now.
3. Who is the (shorter, more shorter, most short, shortest) of the four sisters?
4. Is this the (best, better, more better, most best ) value that you have?
5. John is the (most happiest, happiest) kid I know.

## **Quiz for Lessons 36-40**

### Adjectives

Give the comparative and superlative forms for these adjectives.

1. fair
2. tender
3. difficult
4. earnest
5. responsible
6. easy

7. many
8. straight
9. muddy
10. cheerful

## ANSWERS

### # 36

Answers

1. jolly, jollier, jolliest
2. honest, more honest, most honest
3. dim, dimmer, dimmest
4. friendly, friendlier, friendliest
5. little, less or lesser or littler, least or littlest (Little when referring to amount uses *less*, *lesser* and *least*; when referring to size uses *littler* and *littlest*.)

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Answers

1. glad, gladder, gladdest
2. prompt, prompter, promptest
3. small, smaller, smallest
4. noble, nobler, noblest
5. funny, funnier, funniest

### # 38

## Answers

1. interesting, more interesting, most interesting
2. critical, more critical, most critical
3. splendid, more splendid, most splendid
4. delicious, more delicious, most delicious
5. outstanding, more outstanding, most outstanding

## # 39 Answers

1. many, more, most
2. ill, worse, worst
3. much, more, most
4. perfect - cannot be compared since there is no more perfect or most perfect.
5. bad, worse, worst

## # 40 Answers

1. worst
2. hungrier
3. shortest
4. best
5. happiest

## FINAL QUIZ 36 – 40 Answers

1. fair, fairer, fairest
2. tender, tenderer, tenderest
3. difficult, more difficult, most difficult

4. earnest, more earnest, most earnest
5. responsible, more responsible, most responsible
6. easy, easier, easiest
7. many, more, most
8. straight, straighter, straightest
9. muddy, muddier, muddiest
10. cheerful, more cheerful, most cheerful