

REINFORCEMENT

- 1 Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box.

<i>expensive</i>	<i>large</i>	<i>small</i>
<i>dry</i>	<i>long</i>	<i>old</i>

- How _____ is that garden hose?
Don't worry, it will reach the flowers.
- How _____ is the box?
It will fit in my purse.
- How _____ is your brother?
He's 24.
- How _____ is the jacket you want?
So much that I can't afford it now, so I will have to save money for a while.
- How _____ are the towels?
Before they couldn't, but now they can go in the hamper.
- How _____ is his new car?
Very. Nine people can sit in it comfortably.

- 2 a) Match the adjectives (1–6) with the rules for comparatives (a–f).

Adjective	Comparative
_____ 1. beautiful	a. one syllable ending in -e: add -r
_____ 2. bad	b. one syllable ending in vowel + consonant: double the consonant and add -er
_____ 3. old	c. two syllables ending in -y: change -y to -i and add -er
_____ 4. wide	d. two syllables or more: <i>more</i> + adjective
_____ 5. funny	e. all other adjectives: + -er
_____ 6. big	f. exceptions: worse

- b) Match the adjectives (1–6) with the rules for superlatives (a–f).

Adjective	Superlative
_____ 1. beautiful	a. two syllables ending in -y: change -y to -i and add -est
_____ 2. bad	b. exceptions: worst
_____ 3. old	c. all other adjectives: + -est
_____ 4. wide	d. one syllable ending in -e: add -st
_____ 5. funny	e. two syllables or more: <i>most</i> + adjective
_____ 6. big	f. one syllable ending in vowel + consonant: double the consonant and add -est

CONSOLIDATION

1 Match the questions (1–6) with the answers (a–f).

- _____ 1. How long have you known Jim?
 _____ 2. How far is their house from here?
 _____ 3. How long has she worked for this company?
 _____ 4. How old is your computer?
 _____ 5. How long is your uncle's beard?
 _____ 6. How good is that hospital?
- a. It's not far. It's just around the corner.
 b. It's pretty long. I think it's over a foot long.
 c. I'd go to a different one because it's not that good.
 d. I've known him since we were at school.
 e. It's brand new. I got it last week.
 f. She's worked here for three months.

2 a) Write the comparative and superlative of each adjective.

	Comparative	Superlative
1. fast	_____	_____
2. fine	_____	_____
3. expensive	_____	_____
4. hot	_____	_____
5. fat	_____	_____
6. far	_____	_____
7. happy	_____	_____
8. cute	_____	_____
9. young	_____	_____
10. lonely	_____	_____
11. interesting	_____	_____
12. good	_____	_____

b) Match the adjectives in Exercise 2a with the rules for forming the comparative and superlative.

Comparatives

- a. one syllable ending in -e: add -r
 b. one syllable ending in vowel + consonant: double the consonant and add -er
 c. two syllables ending in -y: change -y to -i + -er
 d. two syllables or more: more + adjective
 e. all other adjectives: add -er
 f. exceptions

Superlatives

- a. one syllable ending in vowel + consonant: double the consonant + -est
 b. exceptions
 c. two syllables or more: the most + adjective
 d. one syllable ending in -e: add -st
 e. two syllables ending in -y: change -y to -i + -est
 f. all other adjectives: add -est

Comparative Rule	Superlative Rule
1 e	f
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EXTENSION

1 Make questions using *how* + adjectives.

1. you / run

2. they / be / on vacation

3. she / know / him

4. be / building

5. be / a vegetarian

6. be / your new house

2 Compare the following things.

1. Mount Everest / Mont Blanc

2. a Porsche / a Minivan

3. gold / iron

4. a mansion / a cottage

3 Write sentences about these things. Use the superlative of the adjectives in the box.*expensive**large**poisonous**dry**long**tiny*

1. the Atacama Desert in Chile

2. the Blue Whale

3. Sydney funnel spider

4. hummingbirds

5. the Mona Lisa

6. the Nile
