

Handout 2 - Grammar

	Comparative form	Superlative form
words with one syllable	Add -er (or -r) cheap → cheaper nice → nicer	Add -est (or -st) cheap → cheapest nice → nicest
two-syllable words ending in -y	-y → -ier early → earlier lucky → luckier _____ → _____ _____	-y → -iest early → earliest lucky → luckiest
two or more syllables	Use more ... expensive → more expensive boring → more boring _____ → _____ _____	Use most ... expensive → most expensive boring → most boring _____ → _____ _____ → _____ _____
irregular forms	good → better bad → worse far → further	good → _____ bad → _____ far → furthest

Complete each sentence with a comparative or superlative form of the adjective in parenthesis

- The manager's office is smaller than the conference room. (small)
- This is the worst smartphone I've ever had. (bad)
- Speaking is much _____ than writing. (easy)
- Chinese is much _____ than English. (difficult)
- Their office is a lot _____ than I thought. (far)
- This is one of _____ dishes I've ever eaten! (delicious)
- Joe is _____ employee in his company. (young) Everybody else is much _____ than him. (old)
- Microsoft is one of _____ companies in the world. (big)
- The meeting this morning was much _____ than 30 minutes. (long)

10. The new marketing manager is a lot _____ than the previous one. (creative)

11. This is _____ month of the year, so you can wear a T-shirt at work. (hot)