

# The comparable paradigm

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# The components of the comparable paradigm

- ▶ **The comparable paradigm has only three forms: the stem, the comparative form, and the superlative form.**
- ▶ **The parts of speech that can be included in this paradigm are:**
  - ▶ 1- one syllable adjectives .... Large, hot, big, nice, kind, tough, small,...
  - ▶ 2- two syllable adjectives that end in (-ly) or (y).....lovely, friendly, happy, busy,...
  - ▶ 3- few adverbs of one or two syllables.....fast, early, often,...
  - ▶ 4- one preposition ...near
- ▶ **Other adjectives and adverbs are preceded by (more) and (most) instead of (-er) and (-est)**



# Irregular and suppletive forms in the comparable paradigm

Few adjectives and adverbs have suppletive and irregular forms in the comparative and superlative forms.

The stem	The comparative	The superlative
Good	better	best
well	better	best
Bad	worse	worst
ill	worse	worst
badly	worse	worst
Few	Fewer/ less	Fewest/ least
Little	Littler/ less	Littlest/ least
much	more	most
many	more	most
Old	Older/ elder	Oldest/ eldest
far	Farther/ further	Farthest/ furthest

