Comparative and Superlative Adjective Notes

Review:

- Remember, an adjective’s job is to describe a noun (person, place, thing, or idea).
- An adjective is a describing word.

Comparative Adjectives

• Purpose:
  o Comparative adjectives compare two nouns (people, places, things, or ideas)
  o Often use the word “than”

• How to form:
  o Add the suffix –er to the end of 1 syllable adjectives
    • EX: tall → taller
    • EX: strong → stronger
  o Add the suffix –er to the end of 2 syllable adjectives that end in -y.
    • EX: happy → happier
    • EX: pretty → prettier
  o Add the words “more” or “less” before adjectives with 2 syllables or more
    • EX: handsome → more handsome
    • EX: embarrassed → less embarrassed
  o Do NOT add –er AND use “more” or “less”

• Examples:
- cool \rightarrow cooler
- hard \rightarrow harder
- difficult \rightarrow more difficult
- crazy \rightarrow crazier
- nervous \rightarrow more nervous

- **Irregulars**
  - good \rightarrow better
  - bad \rightarrow worse
  - far \rightarrow farther
  - much \rightarrow more
  - fun \rightarrow more fun

- **Practice:**
  - My house is (big) **bigger** than yours.
  - This flower is (beautiful) **more beautiful** than that one.
  - This batch of cookies is (good) **better** than that batch.
Superlative Adjectives

- **Purpose**
  - Superlative adjectives compare more than two nouns (people, places, things, or ideas)

- **How to form:**
  - Add the suffix –est to the end of 1 syllable adjectives
    - EX: tall → tallest
    - EX: strong → strongest
  - Add the suffix –est to the end of 2 syllable adjectives that end in -y.
    - EX: happy → happiest
    - EX: pretty → prettiest
  - Add the words “most” or “least” before adjectives with 2 syllables or more
    - EX: handsome → most handsome
    - EX: embarrassed → least embarrassed
  - Do NOT add –est AND use “most” or “least”

- **Examples:**
  - cool → coolest
  - hard → hardest
  - difficult → most difficult
  - crazy → craziest
  - nervous → most nervous
• Irregulars:
  o good → best
  o bad → worst
  o far → farthest
  o much → most
  o fun → most fun

• Practice
  o My house is the (big) biggest house in the neighborhood.
  o This flower is the (beautiful) most beautiful flower in the garden.
  o This batch of cookies is the (good) best I’ve ever made.
Comparative and Superlative Adjective Notes

Review:

- Remember, an adjective’s _______ is to ________________ a ____________ (person, place, thing, or idea).
- An adjective is a ___________________ word.

Comparative Adjectives

- Purpose:
  - Comparative adjectives ________________________ __________ ____________ (people, places, things, or ideas)
  - Often use the word “__________”

- How to form:
  - Add the suffix _______ to the ______ of ___ syllable adjectives
    - EX: tall → ______________
    - EX: strong → ______________
  - Add the suffix _______ to the end of ___ syllable adjectives that end in ______.
    - EX: happy → ______________
    - EX: pretty → ______________
  - Add the words “__________” or “__________” before adjectives with _____ syllables or __________
    - EX: handsome → __________ __________________________
    - EX: embarrassed → __________ __________________________
  - Do ______ add –er ______ use “more” or “less”
• Examples:
  o cool \( \rightarrow \) ____________
  o hard \( \rightarrow \) ____________
  o difficult \( \rightarrow \) _________ __________________
  o crazy \( \rightarrow \) ____________
  o nervous \( \rightarrow \) _________ __________________

• Irregular:
  o good \( \rightarrow \) ____________
  o bad \( \rightarrow \) ____________
  o far \( \rightarrow \) ____________
  o much \( \rightarrow \) ____________
  o fun \( \rightarrow \) _________ __________

• Practice:
  o My house is (big) ______________ than yours.
  o This flower is (beautiful) __________. _________________________ than that one.
  o This batch of cookies is (good ) __________ than that batch.
Superlative Adjectives

• Purpose
  o Superlative adjectives ____________ _________ than ______ _______ (people, places, things, or ideas)

• How to form:
  o Add the suffix ________ to the ________ of _____ syllable adjectives
    • EX: tall → ___________
    • EX: strong → ______________
  o Add the suffix ______ to the end of ____ syllable adjectives that end in _____.
    • EX: happy → ______________
    • EX: pretty → ______________
  o Add the words “________” or “________” before adjectives with _____ syllables or ________
    • EX: handsome → _________ __________________________
    • EX: embarrassed → ________________________________
  o Do ________ add –est ________ use “most” or “least”

• Examples:
  o cool → ______________
  o hard → ______________
  o difficult → __________ ____________________________
  o crazy → ______________
  o nervous → __________ ____________________________
• **Irregulars:**
  
  - good → __________
  - bad → __________
  - far → ______________
  - much → _________
  - fun → _________ _________

• **Practice**
  
  - My house is the (big) _______________ house in the neighborhood.
  
  - This flower is the (beautiful) ___________________________ flower in the garden.
  
  - This batch of cookies is the (good) __________ I’ve ever made.