



# CHANGE OF DEGREE IN ENGLISH

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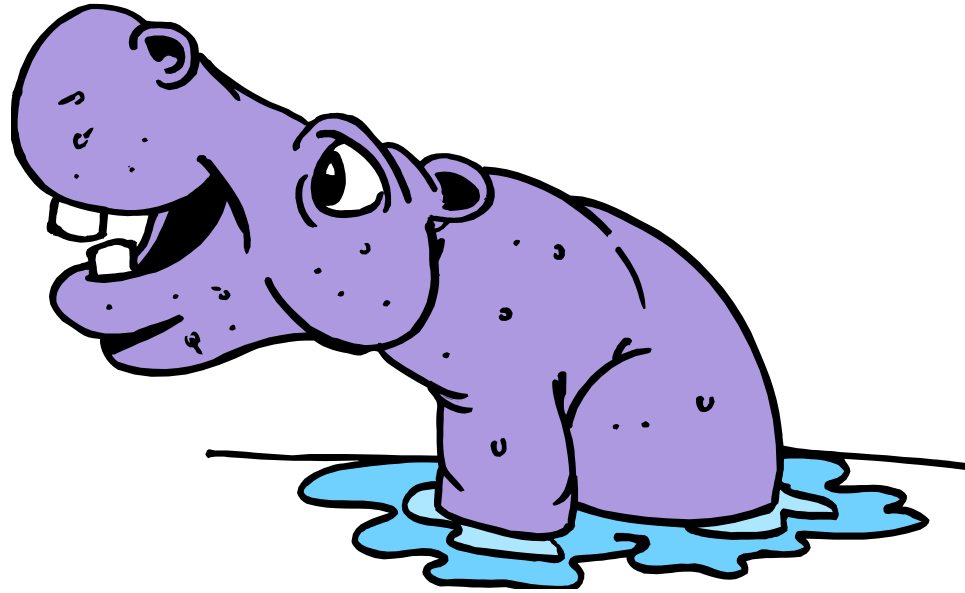
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**Start with an adjective.**

large

the use of **large** in the *positive degree*



This hippopotamus is **large**.

When you compare the **large** hippopotamus to another thing, you have to use the *comparative degree*. This means that the word has to change.

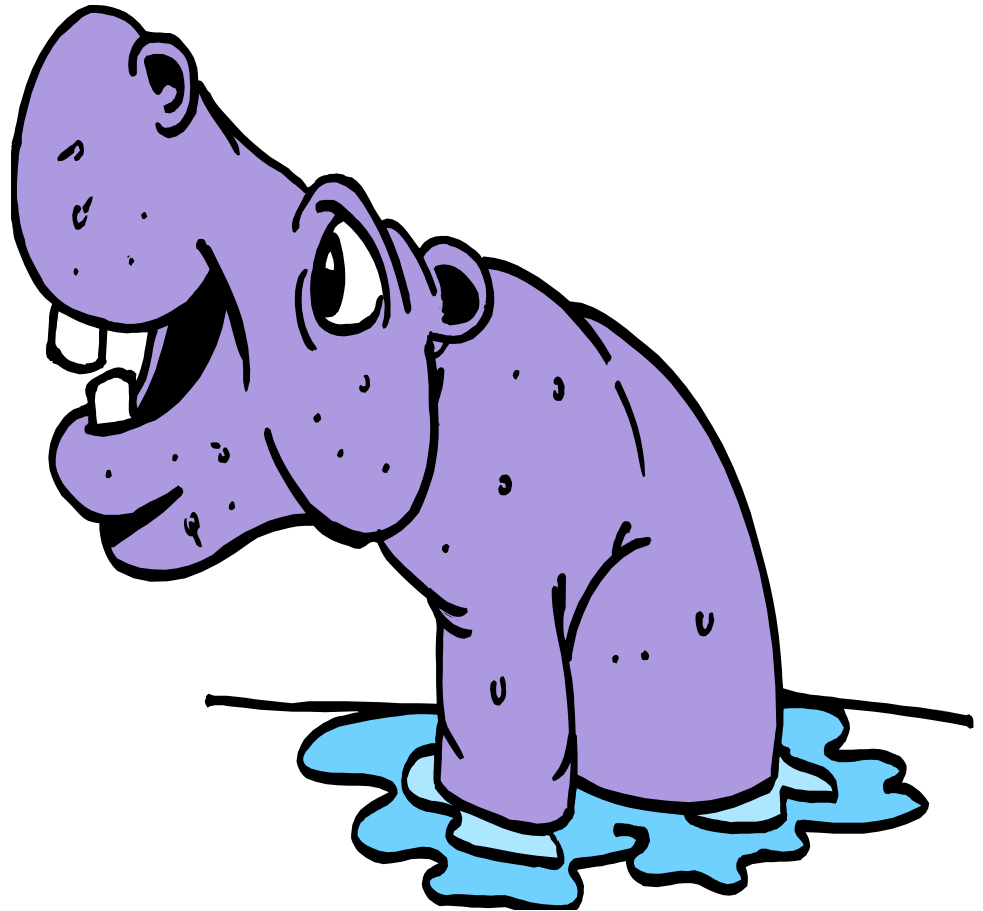
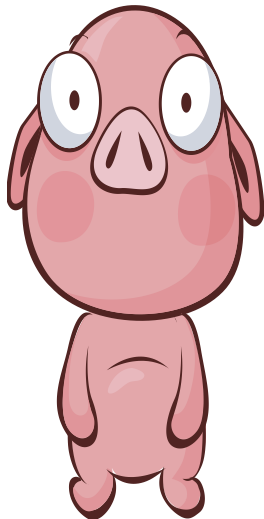



**There are 2 ways that you can change “large” to the comparative degree:**

- Add “er” to the end of the word**
- Add “more” to the front of the word**

**large + er = larger**

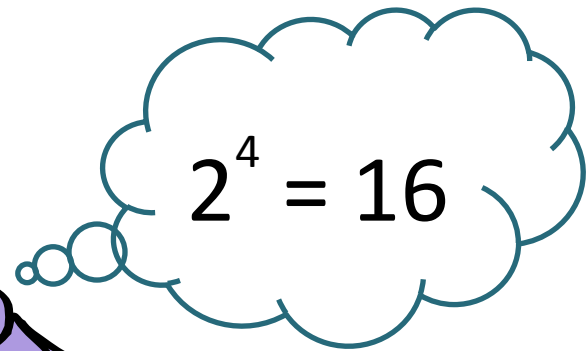
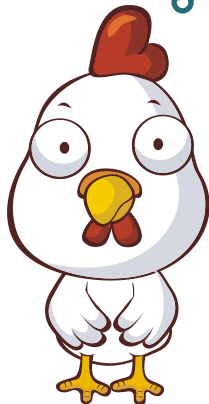
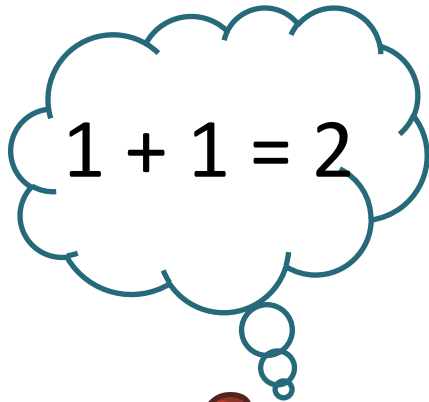
The hippopotamus is  
than the pig.





Some adjectives, especially those with 3 syllables or more, use “more” instead of “er.” Here’s an example:

The hippopotamus is **more intelligent** than the chicken.



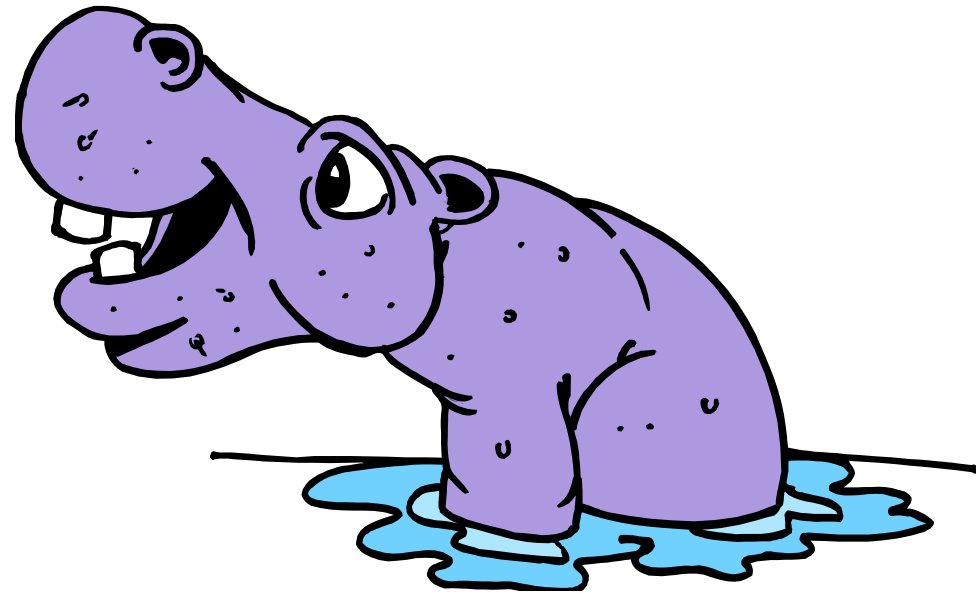
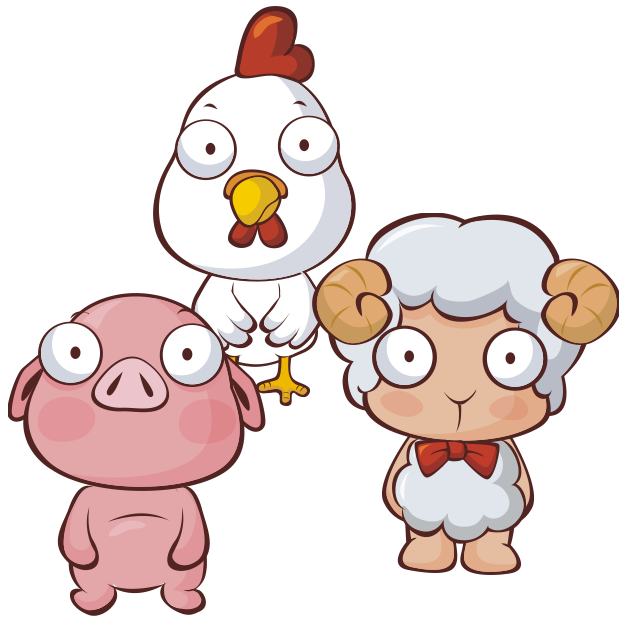


**There are 2 ways that you can change “large” to the superlative degree:**

- **Add “est” to the end of the word**
- **Add “most” to the front of the word**

**large + est = largest**

The hippopotamus is the  
one in the bunch.



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- larger (comparing 2 things)
  - largest (comparing more than 2 things)

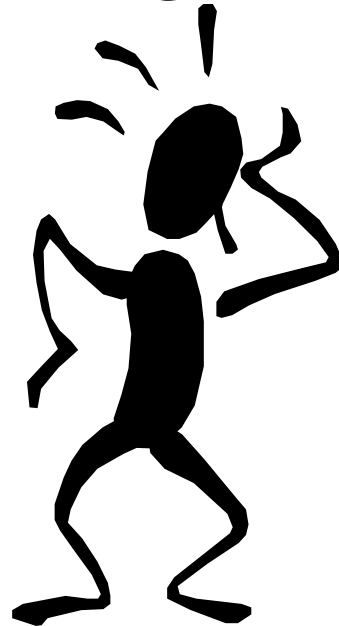
- more intelligent (comparing 2 things)


- most intelligent (comparing more than 2 things)

Like many things in the English language, there are some exceptions:



Some words change differently  
in the *comparative* and  
*superlative degrees*.





For example,  
let's consider the word  
“good”:

**POSITIVE:**

**good**

**COMPARATIVE:**

**better**

**SUPERLATIVE:**

**best**



**Chatur** was not as smart as  
Rancho.

Rancho is smarter than **Chatur**.










□ There are three ways of comparison of Adjectives and Adverb:

**Positive ( e.g. Tall)**

**Comparative (e.g. Taller)**

**Superlative (e. g. Tallest)**

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- ❖ Positive degree- In this degree, Adjective shows its simple quality. We used to compare two objects, things or person by using as.....as, so.....as.
  - ❖ Comparative- Adjective shows its Higher quality. Comparison of two unequal persons or things is expressed by the comparative with *Than*.
  - ❖ Superlative- Adjective shows its Highest or superior quality.



Comparative: Rahim is taller than Ravi.

Positive: Ravi is not so tall as Rahim.

Comparative: You can write faster than Abdul.

Positive: Abdul cannot write so fast as you.

PD : Sita is clever as Rani.

CD : Rani is not cleverer than Sita.

Superlative: Salim is the fattest boy in the class.

Positive: No other boy in the class is so fat as Salim.


CD: Salim is fatter than any other in the class.

Superlative: Delhi is one of the biggest  
city in India.

Comparative:

Delhi is bigger than any other  
cities in India.

Positive: Very few cities in India are  
as big as Delhi.



*CHANGE THE DEGREE OF  
COMPARISON WITHOUT  
CHANGING THE MEANING*



The Pacific is the largest ocean in the world. -SD

No other ocean in the world is so large as the Pacific. -PD

The Pacific is larger than any other ocean in the world. -CD



✓ Bombay is bigger than Mysore.

Mysore is not so big as Bombay.

✓ Anil is as strong as Kapil.

Kapil is not stronger than Anil.






✓ David bowls faster than Hari.

Hari does not bowl so fast as David.

✓ My pen isn't so good as yours.

Your pen is better than mine.



✓ The Hindu is one of the best newspapers.


The Hindu is better than most other newspapers.



Joshi works harder than any other clerk in the office.

No other clerk in the office works so hard as Joshi.

Joshi works the hardest among all the clerks in the office.



Very few boys are as honest as Gopi.

Gopi is more honest than most other boys.

Gopi is one of the most honest boys.



You know him better than I.

I do not know him so well as you.

A wise enemy is better than a foolish friend.



Akbar was greater than most other kings.

Akbar was one of the greatest kings.



You can't run as fast as Ahmed.

Ahmed can run faster than you.

I get up as early as you.

You do not get up earlier than I.



No other country in the world is as rich as the USA.

The USA is richer than any other country in the world.

The USA is the richest country in the world.





It is easier to learn English than to learn German.

It is not so easy to learn German as to learn English.

Manner is more important than matter.

Matter is not as important as manner.



✓ Shakespeare is greater than any other dramatist.


-No other dramatist is as great as Shakespeare.

-Shakespeare is the greatest dramatist.

✓ Of all the subjects, this is the most difficult.

-No other subject is as difficult as this.

-This is more difficult than any other subject.



No other king was as wise as Solomon.  
Solomon was wiser than any other King.  
Solomon was the wisest king.

Atlas was stronger than any other Greek.  
No other Greek was as strong as Atlas.  
Atlas was the strongest Greek.

# EXERCISE II


My book will be more useful than your book.

Your book will not be as useful as my book.

The tiger is the most ferocious of all animals.

No other animal is as ferocious as the tiger.

The tiger is more ferocious than any other animal.

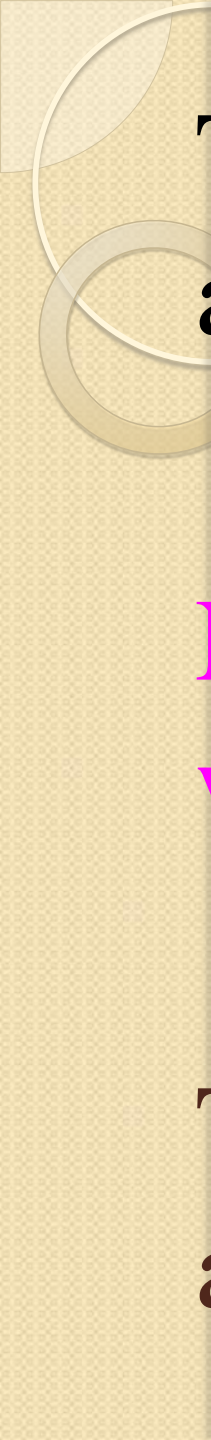


Mango is sweeter than Pineapple.  
Pineapple is not as sweet as mango.

No other student in the class is as brilliant  
as he.

He is more brilliant than any other student  
in the class.

Blood is thicker than water.  
Water is not as thick as blood.



Tennyson was the most popular of all the poets of the Victorian era.

No other poet of the Victorian era was as popular as Tennyson.

Tennyson was more popular than any other poet of the Victorian era.

Prestige is more valuable than money.

Money is not as valuable as prestige.

He is not as faithful as my old servant.

My old servant was more faithful than him.

He is the best of the players in our team.

No one else in our team is as good as he is.

He is better than any other player in our team.



Of all the stories, imaginary stories are the most interesting.

No other stories are as interesting as imaginary stories.

Imaginary stories are more interesting than any other stories.

The Ganges is more sacred than any other river in India.

No other river in India is as sacred as the Ganges.

The Ganges is the most sacred river in India.





Kerala has a higher rate of literacy than any other state.


No other state has as high a rate of literacy as Kerala.

Kerala has the highest rate of literacy.

No other leader is as popular as he.

He is more popular than any other leader.

He is the most popular leader.




Dinesh is not as tall as Sanjay.  
Sanjay is taller than Dinesh.

Umesh is the best lecturer.

No other lecturer is as good as  
Umesh.

Umesh is better than any other  
lecturer.




It is not so easy to learn French as to learn English.

It is easier to learn English than to learn French.

Sita is as beautiful as Laxmi.

Laxmi is not more beautiful than Sita.



No other book on cricket is as good as this.  
This is better than any other book on cricket.  
This is the best on cricket.

No other city in Maharashtra is as beautiful as  
Poona.

Poona is more beautiful than any other city in  
Maharashtra.

Poona is the most beautiful city in  
Maharashtra.



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