

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

There are 3 forms for every adjective:

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
happy	happier	happiest
fun	more fun	most fun

In Latin, we have learned the Positive form for each adjective. Now we are going to learn how to form the others.

Comparative Adjectives:

For all adjectives, you find the BASE of the adjective (or STEM) and add:

	sg		sg		pl	
	M/F	N	M/F	N	M/F	N
Nom.	-ior	-ius	altior	altius	altiōrēs	altiōra
Gen.	-iōris	-iōris		altiōris		altiōrum
Dat.	-iōrī	-iōrī		altiōrī		altiōribus
Acc.	-iōrem	-ius	altiōrem	altius	altiōrēs	altiōra
Abl.	-iōre	-iōre		altiōre		altiōribus

The plural is regular third declension.

Superlative:

- For all -us adjectives and most 3rd declension adjectives, the superlative forms by: adding -issimus, -issima, -issimum and the appropriate 1st and 2nd declension endings to the Stem.

e.g. altissimus, nobilissimus etc.

- For all -er adjectives (all declensions), take the **first form** and add -rimus, -rima, -rimum.

e.g. pulcherrimus, liberrimus, acerrimus etc.

- For five 3rd declension adjectives, do the following:
facilis, difficilis, similis, dissimilis, humilis

Take off the -is ending and add -limus, -lima, -limum.

e.g. facillimus, difficillimus, simillimus etc.