

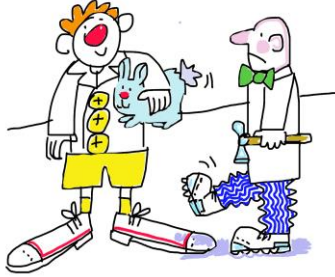
Happier, more useful: Comparisons 3 (of 4) ★★

For the next three weeks, we'll be talking about medium-length ADJECTIVES (two SYLLABLES).

There are three kinds: those that use *-er* and *-est* (*happier*), those that use *more* and *most* (*more useful*), and those that use both.

Today, we looking at adjectives with *-er* and *-est*.

1 heavy, heavi-er (than), simple, simpl-er (small spelling changes)



Joko is funnier than Nob, and he is gentler too.
(He's looking after a rabbit)

Cartoons: Holden-Hotopf

2 wealthy, the wealthiest



Robert is the wealthiest boy in the group (he's also the noisiest!)

More examples:

early, easy, funny, happy, heavy, noisy, pretty
simple, gentle clever, narrow

Note: these are all adjectives with unstressed vowel sounds at the end

For one-syllable adjectives (*fat, tall, young*), see GB 140

For three-syllable adjectives (*wonderful, amazing*), see GB 141.

Quick check

Complete each sentence with the right form of one of the adjectives:

easy funny happy heavy narrow

- 1 She makes me laugh so much; she's the _____ woman I have ever met.
- 2 I enjoyed university so much, I think it was the _____ time of my life.
- 3 Slow down, there isn't much room. This road is getting _____.
- 4 My rucksack weighs 18 kls, it must be the _____ one in the whole group.
- 5 This is so difficult! There must be an _____ way to solve this.

