



Lesson 3

Edit for Correct Use of Adjectives

4.11(D) Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
(iv) adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.



Introduction

What I Am Going to Learn

- Edit writing for the correct use of adjectives.

What I May Already Know 3.11(D)(iv)

- I know what comparative and superlative adjectives are.

Understand the TEKS

Adjectives

When you edit your writing, check that you have used adjectives correctly. An adjective is a word that describes or tells more about a noun or a pronoun.

Words to Know
comparative adjective
superlative adjective

Descriptive Words	
An adjective can tell you the following.	
• What kind?	a <u>blue</u> shirt
• Which one?	the <u>next</u> day
• How many?	a <u>dozen</u> eggs
• How much?	a <u>little</u> salt

An adjective may come before the noun or pronoun. It may come after a linking verb.

The hot sand burned my feet.
The day was warm and sunny.

An adjective can also tell the function of the noun.

The tent leaked and my sleeping bag got wet.
I washed the frying pan after making eggs for breakfast.

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

When you edit your writing, check that you have correctly used **comparative adjectives** and **superlative adjectives**. Comparative adjectives compare two people, places, or things.

- Add *-er* to form the comparative of most one-syllable or two-syllable adjectives.

Jerome is taller than Hector.

Danitra is quieter than Cherise.

- Add the word *more* to form the comparative of a one-syllable or two-syllable adjectives. Using *-er* would sound awkward.

Stan is more eager to attend the game than Denise is.

- Add the word *more* to form the comparative of all adjectives with three or more syllables.

Charlotte thinks science is more interesting than social studies.

Superlative adjectives compare three or more people, places, or things.

- Add *-est* to form the superlative of most one-syllable or two-syllable adjectives.

Janette is the shortest player on the team.

- Add the word *most* to form the superlative of a one-syllable or two-syllable adjective when adding *-est* would sound awkward.

Wednesday was the most humid day of this week.

- Add the word *most* to form the superlative of all adjectives with three or more syllables.

Jaws is the most frightening movie I have ever seen.

- A few adjectives have irregular comparative and superlative forms.

good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
little	less	least
many	more	most

Turn and Talk

Choose a partner and work together to come up with three sentences that compare the two of you. Share these with a second group.

Critical Thinking



1. Read the paragraph below. Underline each incorrect adjective. Then write it with its correct adjective.

October 16, 2012, was the better day of my life so far. That's fortunate, because October 15 was the baddest day. I felt as though I jumped out of a sizzling frying pan into a blazing fire. It all started when my best friend asked to borrow a green sleeping bag. Pete is at least six inches tallest than me. I got that sleeping bag two years ago when I was a lot smallest.



2. Read the paragraph below. Circle the correct adjective in the parentheses.

Since I have a newer and (largest, larger) bag, I told Pete to take that one, but he insisted on the green one. He said it was the (warmest, warmer) of the two, and he was always cold when camping out. I don't think it's fair, but Pete got (angrier, angriest) and (angrier, angriest) at me as he tried to squirm into the too-short bag.



3. Write a sentence that involves three different sleeping bags.

Quick Write Continue the story of Pete and the too-short sleeping bag. Use adjectives to bring your writing alive. Then exchange papers with a partner. Read each other's writing to evaluate the use of adjectives. Meet to discuss each other's work. After your discussion, edit your paper and place it in your writing portfolio.

The Writer's Craft Form a reading circle of three or four students. Each student should identify and bring in a passage that uses adjectives particularly well. Read each passage and evaluate it. Talk about how the adjectives make the writing more vivid.

How Am I Doing?

★ What questions do you have?

★ How do comparative and superlative adjectives add detail to your writing?

★ Color in the traffic signal that shows how you are doing with the skill.





Independent Practice

★ Practice

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

Taylor wrote this paper about Texas. Read over his paper to look for any problems with adjectives. Then answer the multiple-choice questions that follow it.



The Lone Star State

(1) Texas is a truly amazing state. (2) If you are looking for super size, Texas is your place. (3) Texas is large than any other state in the United States except Alaska. (4) If you took all of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and North Carolina and laid them inside Texas, Texas would be biggest. (5) Texas is more long than it is wide. (6) It is 808 miles from south to north and 778 miles from east to west.

(7) Only California has more people than Texas. (8) Of the top ten cities in the United States with the most people, three are in Texas. (9) They are Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio. (10) Even the number of cattle living in Texas is vast. (11) There are about 16 million.

(12) Many important people were born in Texas. (13) It is the birthplace of two presidents of the United States. (14) They are Dwight D. Eisenhower and Lyndon Baines Johnson. (15) Neither George H. W. Bush nor his son George W. Bush is a Texan. (16) George H. W. Bush was born in Massachusetts, but in 1948 he moved to Texas and made his home here. (17) His son, George W. Bush, was born in Connecticut, although he was raised in Texas.

(18) If you are looking for interesting places to visit, Texas is also a great choice. (19) You can climb Guadalupe Peak near Brady in West Texas. (20) No other point in the state is higher than this mountain. (21) The most lowest spots in all Texas are the beaches along the Gulf of Mexico. (22) Those beaches are also great places to visit, except during hurricane season. (23) Pounding hurricanes often hit the Gulf Coast of Texas. (24) What was the worse hurricane in Texas history? (25) On Sept., 8, 1900, a category 4 hurricane with winds of about 145 miles per hour hit Galveston.

(26) I am glad I am from Texas. (27) It is the excitingest place to live in the entire country.

- 1 Which of the following is true of superlative adjectives?
- A They compare two people, places, or things.
 - B They add *-er* to most one syllable adjectives.
 - C They compare three or more people, places, or things.
 - D They add *most* to adjectives with two or more syllables.
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- 2 What change, if any, is needed in sentence 3?
- F Change *large* to **more large**
 - G Change *large* to **larger**
 - H Change *large* to **largest**
 - J No change is needed in sentence 3.
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- 3 What change is needed in sentence 4?
- A Change *biggest* to **big**
 - B Change *biggest* to **most big**
 - C Change *biggest* to **bigger**
 - D Sentence 4 is written correctly.
- 4 What change, if any, is needed in sentence 5?
- F Change *more long* to **longest**
 - G Change *more long* to **longer**
 - H Change *more long* to **most long**
 - J No change is needed in sentence 5.
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- 5 What is the correct way to write sentence 10?
- A Even the number of cattle living in Texas is vaster.
 - B Even the number of cattle living in Texas is more vast.
 - C Even the number of cattle living in Texas is vastest.
 - D Sentence 10 should not be changed.

★ **Assessment**

Choose the best answer to each question.

- 1 What is the **BEST** adjective to add before the word *Texan* in sentence 15?
- A native
 - B local
 - C famous
 - D older
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- 2 What change, if any, is needed in sentence 21?
- F Change **most lowest** to **more lowest**
 - G Change **most lowest** to **lowest**
 - H Change **most lowest** to **most low**
 - J No change should be made.
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- 3 What is the correct way to write sentence 24?
- A What was the bad hurricane in Texas history?
 - B What was the baddest hurricane in Texas history?
 - C What was the worse hurricane in Texas history?
 - D What was the worst hurricane in Texas history?
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- 4 How should sentence 27 be changed?
- F Change **excitingest** to **most exciting**
 - G Change **excitingest** to **more exciting**
 - H Change **excitingest** to **exciting**
 - J Sentence 27 should not be changed.
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- 5 What is the **BEST** explanation for how the comparative and superlative adjectives assist with writing?
- A They give nouns more meaning and help them make an impact.
 - B They compare two or more things and add detail to the writing.
 - C They help provide interesting information to writing.
 - D None of these



Exit Ticket

Now you have learned about comparative and superlative adjectives. Let’s make a real-world connection. Riley wants to tell her grandparents about her experiences at her recent swim meet. She wants to make sure they have enough detail to feel as if they were there. Below is the list of swimmers who placed during the meet. What comparative and superlative adjectives will help Riley’s grandparents keep the swimmers in order? Using comparative and superlative adjectives, write at least two sentences describing one of the swimmers.



Swimmers	Details About Them
Riley	2nd place; started swimming last summer; age 12
Grace	3rd place; started swimming last winter; age 11
Joey	1st place; started swimming two years ago; age 13
