## Comparative and Superlative Adverbs

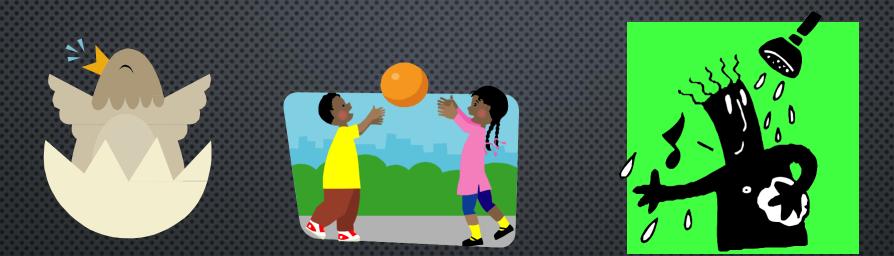
Adverbs are words that describe or modify other words. \*The comparative form of an adverb compares two things. \*The superlative form of an adverb compares three or more things. Adverbs compare VERBS

LIKE ADJECTIVES, SOME ADVERBS CAN TAKE COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE forms, with -er and -est.





Sally works hard. Steve works harder than Sally. Kathy and Sue work the hardest of all. FOR ADVERBS ENDING IN -LY, ADD "MORE" TO THE ORIGINAL ADVERB TO FORM THE COMPARATIVE, AND "MOST" TO FORM THE SUPERLATIVE.



The bird sings loudly.
The children sing more loudly than the bird.
Of all three, Pete sings the most loudly.

## LIST OF ADVERBS

| Adverb   | Comparative               | Superlative     |
|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Early    | Earlier (than)            | The earliest    |
| Far      | Farther/further<br>(than) | The farthest    |
| Hard     | Harder (than)             | The hardest     |
| High     | Higher (than)             | The highest     |
| Late     | Later (than)              | The latest      |
| Low      | Lower (than)              | The lowest      |
| Near     | Nearer (than)             | The nearest     |
| Slow     | Slower (than)             | The slowest     |
| Soon     | Sooner (than)             | The soonest     |
| Straight | Straighter (than)         | The straightest |

## IRREGULAR ADVERBS

| Adverb    | Comparative           | Superlative        |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Quickly   | More quickly (than)   | The most quickly   |
| Carefully | More carefully (than) | The most carefully |
| Quietly   | More quietly (than)   | The most quietly   |
| Happily   | More happily (than)   | The most happily   |

## IRREGULAR ADVERBS

| Adverb | Comparative   | Superlative |
|--------|---------------|-------------|
| Badly  | worse (than)  | The worst   |
| much   | more (than)   | The most    |
| Little | Less (than)   | The least   |
| Well   | Better (than) | The best    |