Adjective: Degrees of Comparison

Definition of Adjective

An adjective is a word used to qualify (describe or modify) a noun or pronoun.

Types of Adjectives

1. Adjective of Quality

Describes the quality or kind of a noun.

Example: Sujit is a clever boy.

2. Adjective of Quantity

Tells how much of something is meant.

Example: Mr Bhandari has enough money.

3. Adjective of Number

Tells how many or the order in a sequence.

Example: Suman stood 1st in her class.

4. Demonstrative Adjective

Points to a specific person or thing.

Example: I want that dress.

5. Distributive Adjective

Refers to each item/person in a group.

Example: Each girl sang a song.

6. Interrogative Adjective

Used with a noun to ask a question.

Example: Which book do you like?

7. Possessive Adjective

Shows ownership or possession.

Example: It is my turn now.

Degrees of Comparison

Adjectives change form to show comparison. There are three degrees:

1. Positive Degree

Describes a single person or thing.

Example: Rani is a small girl.

2. Comparative Degree

Compares two persons or things.

Example: Megha is smaller than Rani.

3. Superlative Degree

Compares more than two persons or things.

Example: Priya is the smallest of all.

Formation of Degrees of Comparison

1. Add -er / -est

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
bright	brighter	brightest
clever	cleverer	cleverest

2. Add -r / -st (if ending with 'e')

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
brave	braver	bravest
large	larger	largest

3. Ends in 'y' (after consonant) \Rightarrow 'i' + er/est

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
happy	happier	happiest
dry	drier	driest

4. Double the final consonant + -er / -est

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
hot	hotter	hottest
big	bigger	biggest

5. Ends in 'y' (vowel before it) → +er / est

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
grey	greyer	greyest
gay	gayer	gayest

6. Use 'more' / 'most' for longer adjectives

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
important	more important	most important

7. Irregular Comparisons

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
many	more	most
little	less	least
far	farther	farthest

Key Points to Remember

- Adjectives qualify nouns/pronouns.
- Three degrees: Positive, Comparative, Superlative.
- Different rules apply based on word endings and syllables.