

Using the Suffixes -er and -est

What is a suffix?

A **suffix** is a group of letters that can be added on to the end of a **root** word to slightly change its meaning.

e.g. **walking**

Walk is the root word.

ing is the suffix.

The suffix 'er' is added to the end of adjectives to compare two things...

e.g. small.

The girl was smaller
than the boy.



Can you add 'er' to these words,
then put them in a sentence?

e.g. loud – The children were louder than their teacher.

hard	quiet	bright
dark	high	deep

The suffix 'est' can also be added to the end of adjectives to compare three or more things...

e.g. cold.

Thursday was the coldest day of the week.



Can you add 'est' to these words,
then put them in a sentence?

e.g. loud – Simon was the loudest in the class.

hard	quiet	bright
dark	high	deep