

SYLLABLE TYPES

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

Adding -er means more, and -est means most.

The base word keeps its syllable pattern when -er or -est is added.

When I can find the base word and the ending, I can read and spell the comparison.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Comparatives -er and -est

from “**Henry Ford: Visionary of Travel**”

Adding -er means more, and -est means most. The base keeps its syllable pattern, as in old becomes older and oldest. This week we study comparatives from Henry Ford.

This deck teaches **the -er and -est pattern** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice a comparative word."

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Notice the comparative word.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the bold word and the base word and the -er or -est ending.

"As Henry grew **older, he worked as a mechanic."**

I CAN

I can notice a comparative word and name the base word and the -er or -est ending.



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CHOOSE

"I can choose a comparative word."

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Choose the comparative word.

Read the sentence. Which word is a comparative word? Use the rule.

"As Henry grew **older, he worked as a mechanic and spent many hours experimenting."**

A expensive • **B** few • **C** older

I CAN | I can choose the comparative word and explain how I know.



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SHOW

“I can show how a comparative word works.”

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Show the comparative word.

Read the sentence. In the bold word, name the base word and the -er or -est ending.

“This made building cars **faster and less expensive.”**

I CAN | I can show the base word and the -er or -est ending.



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OWN

“I can split a comparative to find the base word.”

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Own it. Read the longer word.

Split the word into its parts. Name the base word and the -er or -est ending.

smallest
small / est

I CAN | I can split a comparative to find the base word.



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DEFEND

"I can prove that a word has a comparative ending."

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Defend the rule.

Prove the bold word follows the rule. Name the base word and the -er or -est ending.

"Cars became more common and travel became **easier** for many people."

I CAN | I can prove that a word has a comparative ending.



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Find a comparative word on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one comparative word. Copy the sentence and name the base word and the -er or -est ending.

Go back to the reading.

Find one comparative word.

Copy the exact sentence. Then name the base word and the -er or -est ending.

I CAN | I can find a comparative word and prove it.



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Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE older. Old is a closed syllable. Adding -er gives old-er, meaning more old. The base keeps its sound.

CHOOSE C. older. Older is old plus -er, a comparative. Expensive and few are not comparatives.

SHOW faster. Fast is a closed syllable. Adding -er gives fast-er, meaning more fast. The base keeps its closed syllable with the short a.

OWN small / est. Small is a closed syllable. Adding -est gives the superlative, meaning the most small.

DEFEND easier. Easy is the base word. Change y to i and add -er. Easi-er means more easy. The -er makes the comparison.

YOUR TURN Answers vary. One example: longer. Long is a closed syllable. Adding -er gives longer, meaning more long.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“As Henry grew older, he worked as a mechanic. ... This made building cars faster. ... Travel became easier for many people.”

Which word is a base word with the comparative ending -er?

A faster

B worker

C never

D after



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The answer is A.

A faster Correct.

Faster is fast plus -er, meaning more fast. The base keeps its closed syllable.

B worker

Worker is work plus -er meaning a person who works, not a comparison.

C never

Never is not a base word plus -er. It is its own word.

D after

After is not a base word plus -er. It is its own word.

