

**EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)**

*"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words with common orthographic patterns and rules, including adding the comparative endings -er and -est"*

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?**

We add -er to compare two things, and -est to compare three or more.

older compares two, and oldest compares many.

fast becomes faster, and faster becomes fastest.

**THE SPELLING RULE****Comparative Endings -er and -est**

**older later faster easier quicker**

**WHERE THEY APPEAR:** "As Henry grew older, he worked as a mechanic and spent many hours experimenting with engines."

This deck teaches **Comparative Endings -er and -est** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**

### TODAY'S THINKING JOB

# NOTICE

"I can notice the -er and -est endings."

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## Notice the ending.

Find the base word and the compare ending.

**older = old + er**

**I CAN** I can notice -er and -est comparing things.



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# CHOOSE

"I can choose -er or -est correctly."

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## Choose the correct spelling.

Which one compares just two things?

**faster • fastest • faster**

**I CAN** I can choose -er to compare two things.



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# SHOW

"I can show the rule with a passage word."

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## Show the rule.

Add -er to this base word from the reading.

old + er = \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**I CAN** I can spell a passage word by adding -er.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Add -est to this new base word on your own.

fast + est = \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**I CAN** I can spell a new compare word on my own.



### TODAY'S THINKING JOB

# DEFEND

**"I can explain and transfer the rule."**

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## Explain and transfer.

Explain why older ends in -er, then spell one compare word of your own.

**"A few years later, he created the Model T, a car that was strong, simple, and much more affordable than other cars."**

**I CAN** I can explain the -er and -est rule and use it in my own writing.



### Your turn to spell.

On your tracking sheet, add -er or -est to each base word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

small + er → \_\_\_\_\_ quick + er → \_\_\_\_\_ old + est → \_\_\_\_\_ fast + est → \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ kind + est → \_\_\_\_\_

**I CAN** I can add -er and -est to compare words on my own.

## Answers, across the five thinking levels.

**NOTICE** older = old + er. The ending -er compares two things.

**CHOOSE** faster is correct. The ending -er compares just two things.

**SHOW** old + er = older.

**OWN** fast + est = fastest.

**DEFEND** older ends in -er because it compares two ages; a correct student word might be smaller, quicker, or kindest.

**YOUR TURN** smaller, quicker, oldest, fastest, kindest

# SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW • Test-Style Question

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**READ THIS SENTENCE.**

As Henry grew \_\_\_\_\_ than before, he learned to fix engines.

**Which word correctly completes the sentence?**

**A** older

**B** oldest

**C** olderr

**D** more older

# The Answer, and Why

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## The answer is **A**.

**A older** · Correct. old plus -er compares two ages.

**B oldest** · -est compares three or more, but here we compare two.

**C olderr** · Doubles the r, which this word does not need.

**D more older** · older already compares, so more is extra.