

## Comparatives and superlatives

### 3 Forming comparatives and superlatives

Look at this extract from the *Oxford Wordpower Dictionary*. It shows when an adjective with a consonant doubles in the comparative and superlative forms.

**big** /big/ adj. (bigger, biggest)

1 large: *Manchester is a big city.*

2 important: *I have some big news!*

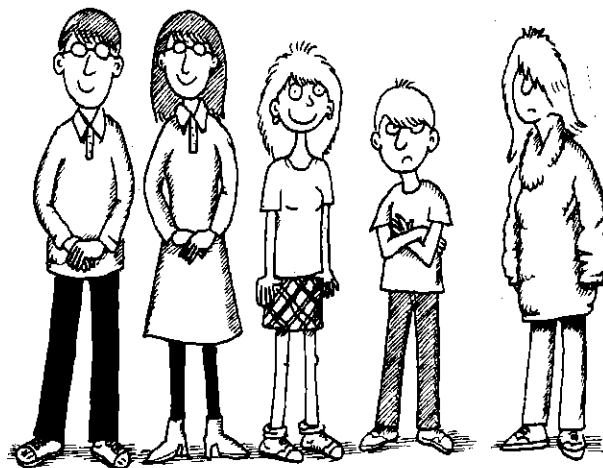
Look at your dictionary. Does it give the same information? Write the comparative and superlative forms of these adjectives.

happy	<u>happier</u>	<u>happiest</u>	thin		
beautiful			busy		
new			patient		
lovely			young		
hot			bad		
good			comfortable		
handsome			rude		
mean			fit		
generous			large		

### 4 How old am I?

Read the text and answer the questions.

I have two sisters, Abigail and Jill, and two brothers, Graham and Robert. Abigail is twenty. Jill is six years younger than Abigail, but she is two years older than Robert. Robert is four years younger than me, and he is eight years younger than Graham.



1 How old am I?

2 Who is the youngest in the family?

3 How old is Robert?

4 Is Jill older than me?

5 Am I the oldest in the family?

6 Who are the twins?

## Vocabulary

### 9 Adjective formation

1 Use the suffixes in the box to write the adjectives formed from these nouns. They have all appeared in Unit 6 of the Student's Book.

-y    -ed    -ing    -al    -ful    -ate    -ial    -ous    -ent    -tic

Noun	Adjective
1 success	_____
2 luck	_____
3 romance	_____
4 wind	_____
5 difference	_____
6 happiness	_____
7 depression	_____
8 health	_____
9 person	_____

Noun	Adjective
10 wealth	_____
11 generosity	_____
12 mess	_____
13 noise	_____
14 dirt	_____
15 pollution	_____
16 finance	_____
17 medicine	_____
18 fortune	_____

2 Complete the sentences with an adjective from 1.

- My dad's really \_\_\_\_\_. He's always buying presents for everyone.
- Before you can get a credit card, you have to provide a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ details.
- I try to lead a \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle – lots of exercise, fruit, and no junk food.
- The music was so \_\_\_\_\_ that you couldn't hear yourself speak.
- After the earthquake, the country needed a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ equipment to look after the sick and wounded.
- She had a car crash, but she was \_\_\_\_\_ to escape with no injuries at all.
- Venice is a very \_\_\_\_\_ city. A lot of people go there on honeymoon.
- Here is the \_\_\_\_\_ news. Petrol prices have fallen dramatically.
- After a heart attack, he needed major surgery, but fortunately the operation was \_\_\_\_\_.
- I didn't like that city at all. The streets were so \_\_\_\_\_ and the air was so \_\_\_\_\_.

