

Examples of the *regular* comparison of Latin adjectives

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
longus -a -um	longior (m/f), longius (n)	longissimus -a -um
brevis, breve	brevior, brevius	brevissimus -a -um
stultus -a -um	stultior, stultius	stultissimus -a -um
iūcundus -a -um	iūcundior, iūcundius	iūcundissimus -a -um
fortis, forte	fortior, fortius	fortissimus -a -um
caecus -a -um	caecior, caecius	caecissimus -a -um
dulcis, dulce	dulcior, dulcius	dulcissimus -a -um
gravis, grave	gravior, gravius	gravissimus -a -um
hūmānus -a -um	hūmānior, hūmānius	hūmānissimus -a -um
potēns	potentior, potentius	potentissimus -a -um
antīquus -a -um	antīquior, antīquius	antīquissimus -a -um

Remember: the genitive singulars for the regular comparatives in all genders will simply look like the first comparative form with *-iōris* instead of *-ior*:

longiōris (= *longior* + *-is*), breviōris,
stultiōris, iūcundiōris, fortiōris, caeciōris, dulciōris, etc.

Also note *two exceptions to the -issimus ending*:

1. No matter what declension, all adjectives ending in *-er* (e.g., *pulcher*, *celer*, *miser*, *ācer*) will have a superlative in *-errimus*:
pulcherrimus, celerrimus, miserrimus, ācerrimus.

2. Only a very few words, ending in *-ilis*, have superlatives in *-illimus* added to the base of the positive form (*facilis*, *difficilis*, *gracilis*, *similis*, *dissimilis*, *humilis*): **facillimus, difficillimus, gracillimus, simillimus, dissimillimus, humillimus**

Learn the common irregular comparisons for adjectives like

POSITIVE DEGREE	COMPARATIVE DEGREE	SUPERLATIVE DEGREE
bonus a um	melior, melius genitives: meliōris	optimus a um
magnus a um	maior, maius genitives: maiōris	maximus a um
multus a um	[no singular m/f], plūs genitive: plūris	plūrimus a um
parvus a um	minor, minus genitives: minōris	minimus a um
malus a um	peior, peius genitives: peiōris	pessimus a um

REMEMBER:

Comparatives can be translated best sometimes by using *more* or sometimes by using *too* or *rather* or *somewhat*.

Superlatives can be translated best sometimes by using *most* or sometimes by using *extremely* or *very* or the suffix *(i)est*.