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Only one of the sentences in each pair is correct. Mark it with a check, and mark the incorrect one with an X.

1. Snow White is more beautifuller than her stepmother.
Snow White is more beautiful than her mother.
2. My brother is more fatter than my father.
My brother is fatter than my father.
3. This restaurant is more better than that one.
This restaurant is better than that one.
4. My favorite movie star is more famouser than the one you like.
My favorite movie star is more famous than the one you like.
5. That tree is taller than this one.
That tree is more taller than this one.

Discuss which of the above sentences are correct. Can you make a grammar rule for adjectives in the second form?

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Adjectives have three forms. The first form(positive form) is to describe something, to state a fact: <i>This elephant is fat.</i>
The second form can be used to make a comparison (comparative form). (Comparative form): <i>My pet elephant is fatter than yours.</i>
The third form is called the superlative form . Example: <i>This elephant is the fattest</i>

Now, try making your own sentences with each form of an adjective:

1. tall (positive form: tall)
2. (comparative form: taller)
3. (superlative form: tallest)

Positive form	Comparative form	Superlative form
<u>Short adjectives (one syllable)</u> Warm Tall Low Big Fat Fast	(add er)	(add ' the...- est')
<u>Long adjectives (two or more syllables)</u> Famous Beautiful	(add more and do not change spelling)	(add 'the most' and do not change spelling)
<u>Adjectives ending with y</u> Easy Happy	(take away y and add ier)	(add 'the' and iest)
<u>Irregular adjectives</u> Good Bad	Better Worse	Best or the best Worst or the worst

Look at the chart below about signal words to use with each form of an adjective. Underline all the signal words in the sentences given as examples.

Positive form	Comparative form	Superlative form
Use the adjective alone, or use 'too' , 'enough' , 'as...as' , 'so' , 'very'	Use the word 'than' to make comparisons	use the word 'the' with the superlative form
My elephant is <i>fat</i> .		
My elephant is <i>too fat</i> to be healthy.	My elephant is <i>fatter than</i> yours.	My elephant is <i>the fattest</i> and my elephant is <i>the best!</i>
My giraffe is <i>as tall as</i> yours.	My giraffe is not <i>taller than</i> yours.	My giraffe is <i>the tallest</i> .
My house is <i>warm enough</i> in winter.	My house is <i>warmer than</i> yours in winter.	My house is <i>the warmest!</i>

