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One-syllable- adjective.	One- syllable-adj. with final -e.	Two-syllable-adj. ending with y.	One-syllable-adj. ending with a single consonant with a single vowel before it.
Add -er	Add -r	Change y to i + er	Double final consonant + er

older	shorter	nicer	prettier	bigger
cheaper	smaller	larger	uglier	
darker	longer		trendier	
newer				

Two-syllable-adjective not ending with y.

Three-or-more-syllables-adjective.

more + adjective

more charming	more elegant
more comfortable	more expensive
more colorful	more beautiful
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