

# إِسْمُ التَّفْضِيلِ

## Elatives

(Comparative and Superlative)

In Arabic Elatives is called ismut tafdeel. The Ismut tafdeel is on the scale of أَفْعَلٌ and is constructed from the adjective.

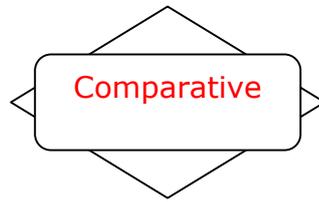
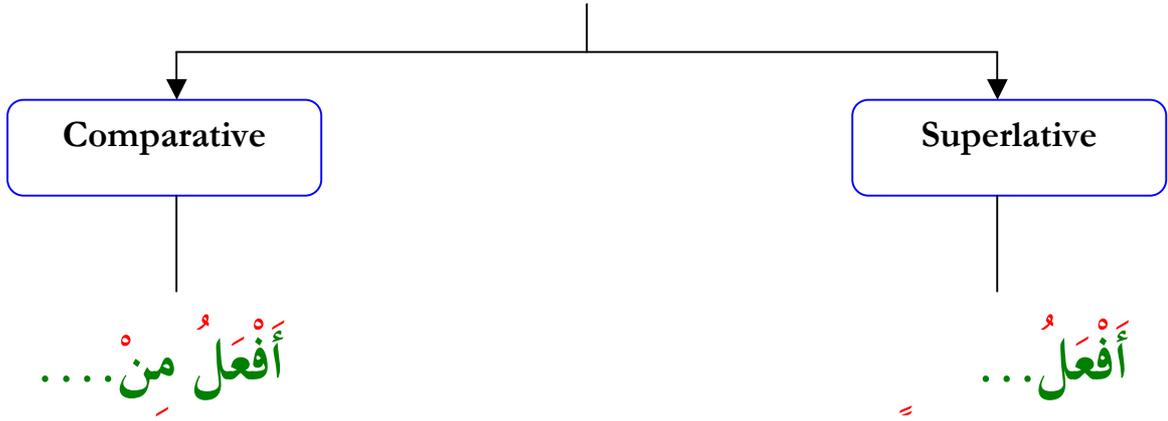
Look at the following:

Faster	أَسْرَعُ	←	سَرِيعٌ	Fast
Greater	أَكْبَرُ	←	كَبِيرٌ	Great
More noble	أَكْرَمُ	←	كَرِيمٌ	Noble
Smaller	أَصْغَرُ	←	صَغِيرٌ	Small
More beautiful	أَجْمَلُ	←	جَمِيلٌ	Beautiful
Cleaner	أَنْظَفُ	←	نَظِيفٌ	Clean

Try to form the ismut tafdeel from the following adjectives.

.....	رَحِيمٌ	→	.....
.....	قَبِيحٌ	→	.....
.....	طَوِيلٌ	→	.....
.....	وَاسِعٌ	→	.....
.....	قَدِيمٌ	→	.....

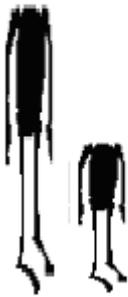
Elatives can be of the comparative and superlative degree.



e.g

Muhammad is taller than Haarith.

مُحَمَّدٌ أَطْوَلُ مِنْ حَارِثٍ



The comparative degree is used when you are making a comparison between two things. You also use the word مِنْ which means 'than'.

Translate the following comparatives:

1. Arabic is easier than French.

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2. Talha is bigger than Ali.

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3. Khadeejah is more beautiful than her sister.

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4. Muhammad is faster than the car.

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5. My religion, Islam, is more beloved to me than the world and all that is in it.

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6. Indeed your writing is better than my writing o Aishah!

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7. What is your name o boy? It is as if you are taller than my son.

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8. I love Muhammad Sallahu alayhi wa salam more than my father.

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9. This shirt is dirtier than Khalid's shirt.

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10. This rule is far more difficult than the rule I studied before it.

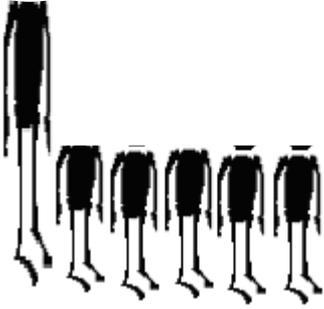
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## Superlative

e.g:

Muhammad is the tallest student in his class.

مُحَمَّدٌ أَطْوَلُ تَالِبٍ فِي فَصْلِهِ



The Superlative degree of the adjective is followed with a noun in the majroor case, taking kasrataan.

The مِنْ is not used in the superlative.

Translate the following superlatives:

1. This is the easiest book I have read.

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2. O my mother this is the most delicious food I have tasted. Indeed your cooking is fantastic!

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3. My Husband is the best father in the world!

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4. Safiyyah's car is the fastest car in the Country.

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5. The best of commodity is a righteous woman.

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6. This is the tallest man in the world, his name is Yusuf.

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7. My library is the biggest library in Kuwait.

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8. The best teacher in our school is Umm Abdillah.

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9. The most noble man in our city is Ahmad. He worships his lord and is just and well mannered.

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10. Our call is the call to Tawheed. It is indeed the most important thing that we begin our dawah with.

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