

Adding -er and -est

-er, -est

Name _____



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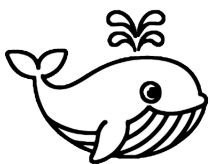
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tall, tallerer, tallestest

ADD -ER

ADD -EST

fast		
long		
soft		
small		
cold		



Rule 2 Ends in e? Drop the e,
then add -er or -est.

large, largerer, largestest

ADD -ER

ADD -EST

nice		
wide		
cute		
safe		
brave		

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Answer Key



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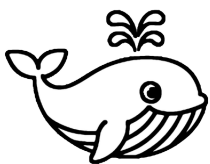
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fast	faster	fastest
long	longer	longest
soft	softer	softest
small	smaller	smallest
cold	colder	coldest



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nice	nicer	nicest
wide	wider	widest
cute	cuter	cutest
safe	safer	safest
brave	braver	bravest