



The three degrees

Most adjectives have three different degrees:

Positive

A positive adjective is used to describe something without comparing it to something else

e.g. *“This tree is tall”* or *“She is happy”*

Comparative

A comparative adjective is used for comparing two things or people

e.g. *“This tree is taller than that one”* or *“She is happier than me”*

Superlative

A superlative adjective is used to compare one person or thing with everything else in a defined group

e.g. *“This is the tallest tree in the garden”* or *“She is the happiest of all her friends”*

Which of these statements contain positive, comparative and superlative adjectives? Match the statements to the words by drawing a line as shown in the example

He is funnier than me

That is the smallest plant I've ever seen

That plant is smaller than this one

That plant is small

He is the funniest person in the world

He is funny

positive

positive

comparative

comparative

superlative

superlative