Comparative Suffixes
-er, -est, -ier, -iest

Comparative suffixes are a group of letters added to the end of a word to compare two or more things.

Comparative Suffix  Function
-er, -ier  Compares two things
-est, -iest  Compares more than two things

Adding Comparative Suffixes
early – y + ier or iest = earlier, earliest
strange – e + er or est = stranger, strangest
clean + er or est = cleaner, cleanest