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Spelling

Focus

- A **comparative adjective or adverb** compares one person, thing, or action to another.

Example: Julio is **taller** than Rosita.

- A **superlative adjective or adverb** compares one person, thing, or action to several others.

Example: Julio is the **tallest** student in his class.

- Comparatives are formed by adding *-er* to the end of the base word. You add the word *more* before most longer modifiers. Superlatives are formed by adding *-est* to the end of the base word. Be sure to drop the *e* and change *y* to *i* before adding these endings. You add the word *most* before most longer modifiers.
- **Synonyms** are words with the same, or nearly the same, meaning.

Practice

jubilant	exultant	disaster	nourishment	liveliest
livelier	diminish	sustenance	misfortune	decrease

On the line, write the spelling words from the box that are synonyms for each word below.

1. reduce

3. catastrophe

2. joyful

4. nutrition

Add the endings *-er* or *-est* to the following words to make spelling words and write the word on the line.

5. lively + er = _____

6. lively + est = _____