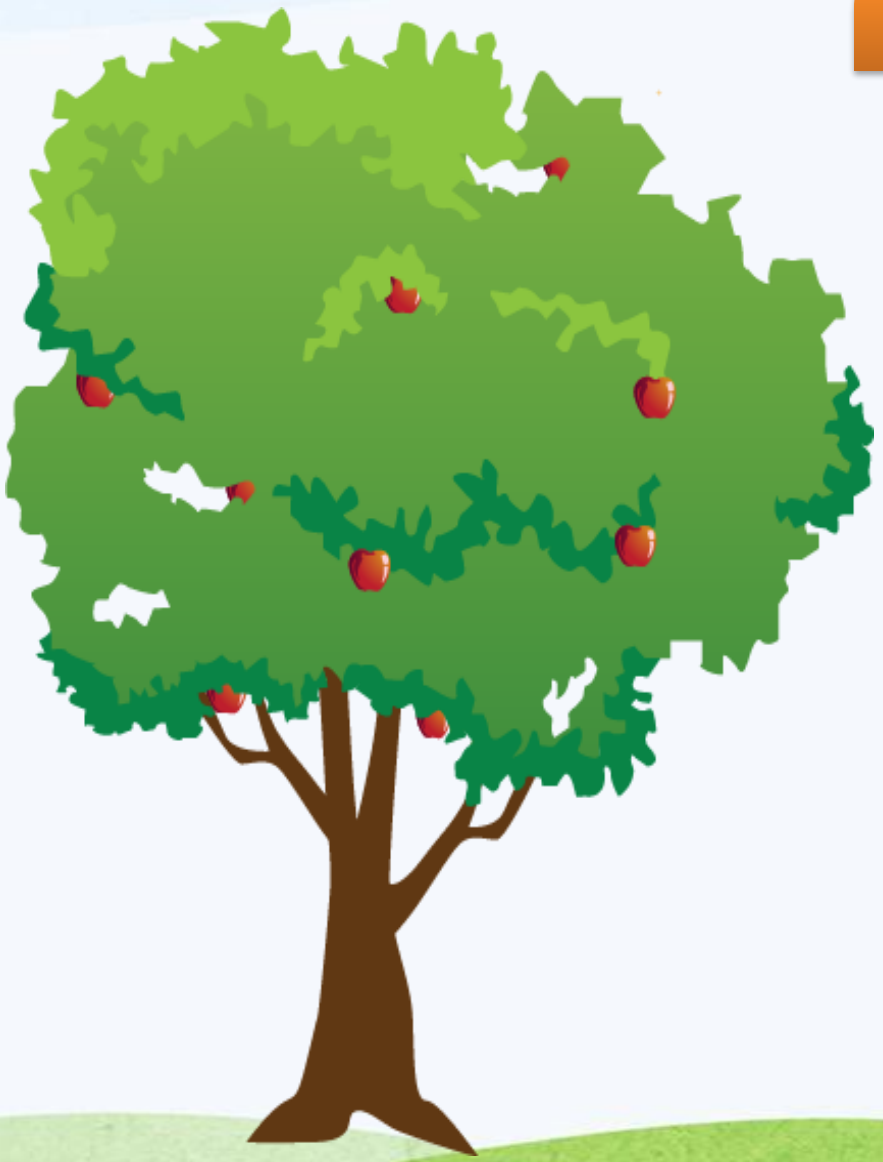
Degrees of Comparison



Uncle's Orchards



- Uncle Seth has three big orchards: an apple, a peach and a plum orchard.
- The apple orchard is bigger than the peach orchard.
- The apples are sweet, but the peaches are sweeter.
- The apples and peaches he grows there are the sweetest.



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REMEMBER



- The word big only describes the orchard. This is the **positive** degree of adjective.
- The word bigger compares the size of two orchards. The word sweeter compares the sweetness of the two fruits.
- When we compare two things, we use the **comparative** degree of adjectives.

Read these sentences.

- The plum orchard is bigger than the apple orchard.

  So, it is the biggest of all the three orchards.

- The plums are sweeter than the apples.

  So, they are the sweetest of the three fruits.



REMEMBER

- The word biggest compares the size of the three orchards together.
- The word sweetest compares the sweetness of the three fruits.
- When we compare more than two things, we use the **superlative** degree of adjective.



Binny, the Topper!

Hina: I think Binny is more intelligent than Sara.

Niti: I think Binny is the most intelligent student in our class.

Hina: Yes, and she is the most hard-working too. That is why she tops the class!



REMEMBER



- When **comparative** forms do not end in **–er**, they use the words ‘more than’.
- When **superlative** forms do not end in **–est**, they use the word ‘the most’.

Write the correct comparative and superlative degree of adjective.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
nice	_____	_____
green	_____	_____
beautiful	_____	_____
expensive	_____	_____

