Remember: An adjective describes a person, place, animal or thing.

Adjectives that Compare

Add -er to an adjective to compare two persons, places or things.
Add -est to an adjective to compare three or more people, places or things.

Examples:

Lions are faster than zebras. (comparing 2—lions & zebras so use -er)
The cheetah is the fastest animal on land. (comparing cheetahs to all other land animals—more than 2—use -est)

Macy is taller than Emma. (comparing 2—Macy & Emma—use -er)
Alex is the tallest one in the class. (Comparing Alex to the entire class—more than 2—use -est)