

Varieties of comparison

The three degrees of adjective can be made by altering the ending of the word:

quiet *quieter* *quietest*
silly *sillier* *silliest*

When you make the changes with adjectives ending in **y** you change **y** to **i**.

They can also be made with the words **more** and **most**:

quiet *more quiet* *most quiet*
silly *more silly* *most silly*

There are also trios that don't fit any rule.

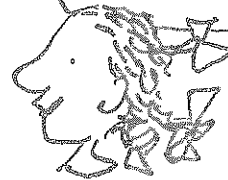
good *better* *best*
bad *worse* *worst*

Try the different ways of making the three degrees with these adjectives. Check by seeing if the trio sounds right when you say it.

Beautiful... beautifuller... beautifullest
 – doesn't sound right.



I tend to say bigger rather than more big.



Nominative	Comparative	Superlative
long		
honest		
small		
dangerous		
young		
old		
different		
sharp		
peaceful		
careful		
brilliant		
tall		

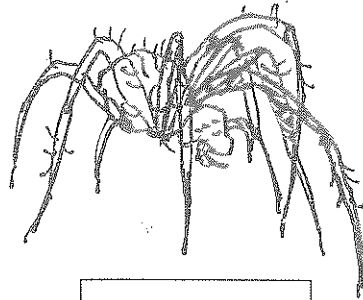
Ordering by degree

□ Fill in the boxes with trios of nouns that fit the adjectives.
For example:



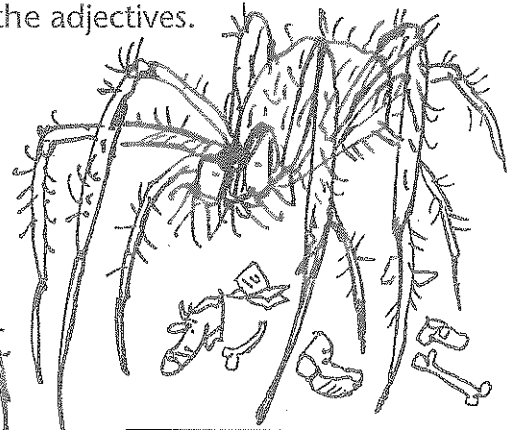
A spider

is scary



A poisonous spider

is scarier



A kid-eating, poisonous spider

is scariest

is scary

is scarier

is scariest

is good

is better

is best

is fast

is faster

is fastest

is big

is bigger

is biggest

is dangerous

is more dangerous

is most dangerous

is tasty

is tastier

is tastiest

Most common letter?

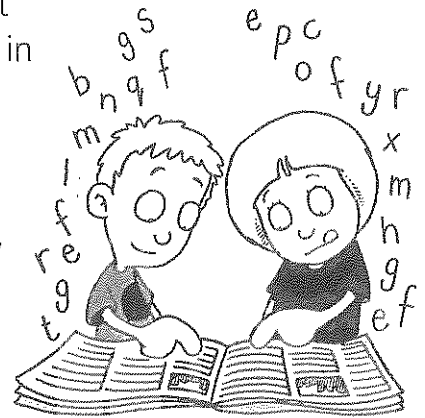
A book, magazine or newspaper, paper and pencil



Open the book, magazine or newspaper at any page and count 100 words. Count how many of these words have the letter 'e' in them. Put a light pencil dot beside them to help you. Write the percentage of words with an 'e'.

Repeat four times counting a different set of 100 words each time. Add together the five percentages and divide the total by 5 to find the average percentage of words with an 'e' in them.

Use a similar method, counting 50 words each time, to find the average percentage of words with a 't' in them.



In class Compare the children's average percentages. What percentage of words have an 'e' in them? What percentage have a 't' in them? Discuss which other letters might be common.

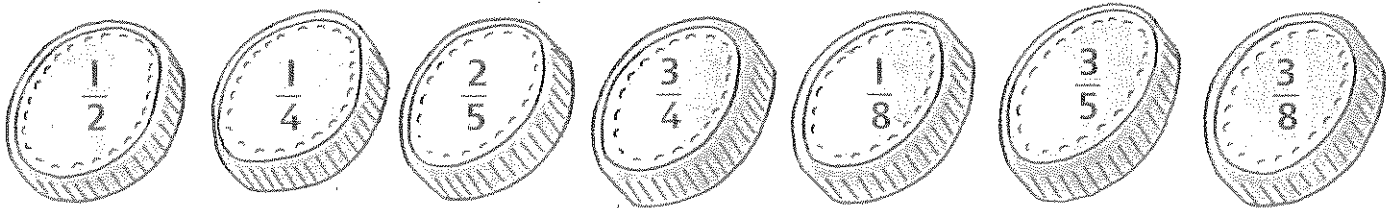
Change percentage

A person with some coins, paper and pencil



Ask someone you know to empty the change out of their pockets or purse. Count how much money they have in total.

Work out these fractions of the total amount. Write each fraction as a percentage.



£4.86

$\frac{1}{2}$ of £4.86 = £2.43

50% of £4.86 = £2.43

In class Give each pair a handful of plastic coins. They work out 75%, 35%, and 12.5% of the total amount.

