Suffixes -er and -est

Adjectives are often used to compare at least two things to say what is the bigg<u>est</u> or the great<u>est</u>:

Sam is the tallest in the class. Kim is the smallest in the class.

Adjectives often also compare one thing with another:

Kim is smaller than Sam. Sam is taller than Kim.

Part A

Use the adjectives in the box below to write sentences with a -er suffix and a matching sentence with an -est suffix.

For example: fast.

The red sports car was faster than the white estate car.

Superlative: The red sports car is the fastest car in the world.

| hot | fierce | stange | smart | loud |
|-----|--------|--------|-------|------|
| wet | hard | brave | cute | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

Suffixes -er and -est

Part B

Can you think of some matching —er and —est suffix sentences to compare Charlie with some of the other characters in the story?

Charlie was the kindest child who went to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. Charlie was kinder than the other children at the factory visit.

Write five sets of matching -er and -est sentences.

| 1. | |
|----|--|
| | |
| | |
| 2. | |
| | |
| 3. | |
| | |
| 4 | |
| | |
| | |
| 5. | |
| | |

* * Challenge Task

Can you create a crossword grid with ten adjectives using the suffixes -er and -est? Write clues for each one. For this you will need squared paper.

Suffixes -er and -est Answers

Part A

Example Answers:

The weather was hotter at lunchtime. The weather was hottest in the middle of the day.

The lion was fiercer than the elephant. The lion was the fiercest in the jungle.

The light was stranger as the day progressed. The light became strangest just before the snow fell.

Charlie was a smarter boy than his classmates. Charlie was smartest in the class.

The noise from the factory was louder than from the drill. The noise became loudest as the factory opened.

The wellies were wetter from jumping in the puddles. The wellies were wettest after jumping in puddles.

The test was harder at the end. The test was the hardest one I have ever done.

The little girl was braver than her big brother. The little girl was the bravest in her family.

The puppy was cuter than the kitten. The cutest animal in the shop was the puppy.

Part B

Example Answer:

Charlie was the kind<u>est</u> child who went to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. Charlie was kind<u>er</u> than the other children at the factory visit.