4) Rule 9: Further examples

Double consonant then add 'er' / 'est' (VC – Double me)

big
fat
fit
flat
glum
mad
red
sad
slim
thin
wet

Just add 'er' / 'est' (REGULAR)

bright
calm
cold
dark
dull
fast
fresh
hard
light
long
old
quick
rich
small
smart
soft
strong
tall
broad
cheap
cool
green
sweet

Just add 'r' / 'st' (CHEAT-E)

brave
close
cute
fine
large
late
pale
rare
safe
strange
white
wide

Exceptions

Some consonants never double: w, x, y. E.g. newer

TIP

Encourage pupils to read back words to spot their mistakes: does it say 'hotter' or 'hoter'?

NOTE: Not all adjectives can be written with the suffixes **'er'** or **'est'**.
E.g. bad > worse > worst; evil > more evil > most evil.