

sammœðra, forvitri, forvitra (Fms. 6,56) also: örviti (Fms. 7,158), málóði (Færeyingas S. 218), fulltiði (Egilss. 185).

The Comparison of Adjectives.

98. *The Comparative* is formed in Icelandic by: *-ara* (neut.), *ari* (masc.), *ari* (fem.), (*kalda-ra*, *colder*; *harð-a-ra*, *harder*); which takes the place of the *a* in the definite form. The fem. Sing. and all genders of the Plur. retain *i* everywhere (rarely Dat. in *-um*) as: *spaka*, Comparative; *spakara*

| | Neut. | Masc. | Fem. |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Sing. Nom.</i> | spakara | spakari | spakari |
| <i>Gen. Dat. Acc.</i> | spakara | spakara | spakari |
| <i>Plur. Nom. Gen. Dat. Acc.</i> | spakari | | |

99. *The Superlative* is formed by adding to the root *-ast*, *astr*, *ust*, and is thus declined:

| | Neut. | Masc. | Fem. |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <i>Indef. form. Nom.</i> | spakast | spakastr ² | spökust |
| <i>Acc.</i> | spakast | spakastan | spakasta etc. |
| <i>Def. form. Nom.</i> | spakasta | spakasti | spakasta |
| <i>Acc.</i> | spakasta | spakasta | spökustu etc. |

Those which shorten in the Posit., also do so in the other degrees, if the same cause exists, namely, that the termination begins with a vowel, as:

auðgara, *auðgari*, *auðgast*, *auðgast²*, *auðgust* etc.

100. There is however in many cases a shorter manner of formation for these degrees, namely by dropping the final *-a* and adding for the Comparative *-ra*, *-ri*, *-ri*, and for the Superlative *-st*, *-str*, *-st*. The modification of vowels which requires *-r* takes place (see 33. 34).

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|--------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| hit fagra | fegra | -ri fegr ² st | fegr ² str ² | fegr ² st |
| — lága | læggra | -ri lægst | lægstr ² | lægst, <i>lowest</i> |
| — lánga | leingra | -ri leingst | leingstr ² | leingst, <i>longest</i> |
| or langa | lengra | -ri lengst | lengstr ² | lengst |
| hit þraungva | þreingra | -ri þreingst | -str ² | -st, <i>closest</i> |
| or þröngva | þreingra | -ri þreingst | -str ² | -st, <i>narrowest</i> |
| hit stóra | stœrra | -ri stœrst | -str ² | -st, <i>greatest</i> |