Twenty clues to four words you know well are given. Use an egg-timer to limit yourself for each clue, in turn. Rate yourself for the position at solving in any way you choose. The authority for all statements is Webster's Third Unabridged.

1. Two three-letter words are synonyms.
2. They have no letter in common.
3. They may be adjectives, adverbs, or nouns.
4. The comparative of the two words may be the same (a third) word.
5. This word has no letter in common with either of the first two.
6. It may be an adjective, adverb, noun, or verb.
7. It contains an R, but that is not the last letter.
8. The superlative of the two words may be the same (a fourth) word.
9. This word has no letter in common with either of the first two.
10. It may be an adjective, adverb, noun, or verb.
11. It contains no E.
12. All four of the words mentioned are composed of eleven different letters.
13. The comparative and superlative differ by only one letter.
14. They are both five-letter words.
15. The two initial words contain letters only from the first half of the alphabet.
16. The superlative contains letters only from the last half of the alphabet.
17. Of the eleven letters, six are odd-numbered letters of the alphabet.
18. Only the missing letters have alphabetical positions divisible by 7, 8, 11 or 13.
19. There is no F, J or X involved.
20. Nor any C, U, or Y involved.

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