

Superlatives

What is a noun? A person, an animal, a place, a thing or a topic.

What is an adjective? An adjective is a word that gives more information about a noun.

E.g. *The man is tall.* (*man* = noun) (*tall* = adjective)

Superlatives: Superlatives are used to show something is *the most* in that category.

For example: Tom is the tallest in his class. (*Tom* = noun *tallest* = superlative adjective)

With a 1 syllable adjective add the and -est

tall = the tallest

big = the biggest (*Note: When we have consonant + vowel + consonant we double the vowel!*)

E.g. *Giraffes are the tallest land animals.*

E.g. *Blue whales are the biggest animals.*

With two or more syllables add the most before the adjective

E.g. *Dolphins are the most intelligent animals on Earth.*

E.g. *Switzerland is the most expensive country in the world!*

Note: "the least" means the opposite of "the most".

E.g. *This is the least difficult class, it's very easy!*

With a word with two syllables that ends in a "y" remove the y and place -iest

pretty = the prettiest

happy = the happiest

E.g. *Do you think Jane is the prettiest?*

E.g. *Spot is the happiest dog in the world! He is always wagging his tale.*

Irregulars

Good = the best

Bad = the worst



1. Think of some adjectives with your teacher and check the rules!



2. Fill out the superlative form of the adjectives below:

tall	<i>The tallest</i>	brave	<i>The bravest</i>
ugly	<i>The ugliest</i>	expensive	<i>The most expensive</i>
friendly	<i>The friendliest</i>	cheap	<i>The cheapest</i>
amazing	<i>The most amazing</i>	beautiful	<i>The most beautiful</i>
nice	<i>The nicest</i>	hard	<i>The hardest</i>
intelligent	<i>The most intelligent</i>	cozy	<i>The cosiest</i>
small	<i>The smallest</i>	modern	<i>The most modern</i>
noisy	<i>The noisiest</i>	old	<i>The oldest</i>
good	<i>The best</i>	bad	<i>The worst</i>



3. Fill in the gaps with the superlative form of the adjectives:

1. I think good health is *the most important* (important) thing one can have.
2. January is *the coldest* (cold) month of the year.
3. Excuse me, which one is *the most expensive* (expensive)?
4. Peter is *the best* (good) in his class at Geography.
5. This is *the worst* (bad) service I have ever had!









4. Fill in the gaps below then answer the questions with your partner:

1. Who is *the most popular* (popular) actor in your country?
2. What is *the most difficult* (difficult) thing about learning English?
3. What is *the best* (good) dish from your country?
4. What is *the saddest* (sad) film you've ever watched?
5. What is *the most important* (important) invention in the last 200 years?
6. What is *the worst* (bad) thing you have ever eaten?

5. Make as many superlative sentences as you can about the houses below:

For example: Emily's house is the most unusual.

Example adjectives to use: *nice, tiny, modern, old, cozy, crazy, original, ugly etc.*

<p>Emily's house</p> 	<p>Jeff's house</p> 
<p>Joe's house</p> 	<p>Tom's house</p> 
<p>Anna's house</p> 	<p>Peter's house</p> 

Quiz:

1. What is the biggest country in the world? *China*
2. What is the most visited country in the world? *France*
3. What is the biggest country in Europe? *France*
4. What is the slowest animal in the world? *Sloth*
5. What is the newest country in the world? *South Sudan*
6. What is the coldest continent on Earth? *Antartica*
7. What is the largest planet in our solar system? *Jupiter*
8. What is the safest country in the world? *Iceland*
9. What is the least common birth month? *February*
10. How heavy was the heaviest person in the world? *442 Kg*
11. How tall was the tallest person in the world? *2.72m*



6. Now work in pairs or in a group and create your own quiz to play in class:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____