

THE SUPERLATIVE

1) adjective / adverb \Rightarrow 1 syllable

the + adjective / adverb + "-est"

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| tall \Rightarrow the tallest | short \Rightarrow the shortest |
| old \Rightarrow the oldest | young \Rightarrow the youngest |
| big \Rightarrow the biggest * | fat \Rightarrow the fattest* |

* (The final consonant is doubled).

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the superlative + noun

He is **the tallest** boy.

That is **the biggest** box.

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the superlative + noun + in

He is **the youngest** boy **in** the class.

It's **the cheapest** toy **in** the shop.

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2) adjective / adverb \Rightarrow 3 or more syllables

the most + adjective / adverb

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| comfortable \Rightarrow | the most comfortable |
| difficult \Rightarrow | the most difficult |
| expensive \Rightarrow | the most expensive |
| interesting \Rightarrow | the most interesting |



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Examples:

This is **the most comfortable** chair.

It is **the most important question** in the test.

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3) adjective \longrightarrow 2 syllables

a) -y
-ow
-le
-er

the + adjective + "-est"

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Examples:

This is **the narrowest** road.

Maggie is **the prettiest*** girl in the party.

* y \longrightarrow i + "-est"

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3) adjective \longrightarrow 2 syllables

b) Not ending in "-y", "-ow", "-le", "-er"

the most + adjective

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Examples:

This is **the most modern** pair of jeans.

It's **the most boring** activity.

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Irregular superlatives

good/well → **the best**

bad/badly → **the worst**

far → **the farthest**
the furthest

much → **the most**

many → **the most**

little → **the least**

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Examples:

He is **the worst** student in the class.

This is **the best** movie.

Tweet Break!

The United States contains examples of nearly every global climate. The climate is temperate in most areas, tropical in Hawaii and southern Florida, polar in Alaska, semiarid in the Great Plains, desert in the Southwest, Mediterranean in coastal California and arid in the Great Basin. Its generous climate contributed to the country's rise as a world power.

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- The Navajo Indian language was used successfully as a code by the US in WWII.
- More than one-fourth of the entire population of Memphis, Tennessee, was wiped out by yellow fever in 1878.
- The average household size in the United States is 2.6 people, but almost one third of the households are people living alone. 67% of households are families. The average American family has 3.2 members.
- The first confirmed European landing in present-day United States territory was Christopher Columbus, who visited Puerto Rico on November 19, 1493.
- Florida was home to the earliest European colonies on the mainland; they died out except for St. Augustine (founded by Pedro Menéndez de Avilés in 1565).
- In 1609 the Dutch settled in New York and, in 1617, they settled in New Jersey.
- “I am” is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

Elegir la forma correcta del superlativo de los siguientes adjetivos.

1 clever

- a. the cleverer
- b. the most clever
- c. the cleverest

2 dangerous

- a. the most dangerous
- b. the dangeroust
- c. the more dangerous

3 bad

- a. the worse
- b. the worst
- c. the baddest

4 pretty

- a. the prettiest
- b. the most pretty
- c. the prettyest

5 young

- a. the most young
- b. the younger
- c. the youngest





Elegir la oración correcta en cada caso.

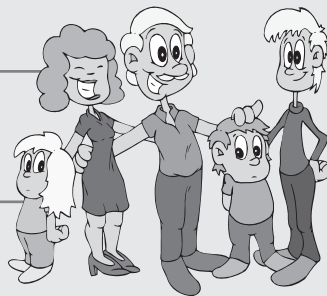
- 6 a. Who is the older student in the class?
b. Who is the most old student in the class?
c. Who is the oldest student in the class?

- 7 a. James' car is as big as his friend's.
b. James's car is the biggest his friend's.
c. James' car is the most big than his friend's.

- 8 a. This is the more expensive toy in the shop.
b. This is the most expensive toy in the shop.
c. This is the expensivest toy in the shop.

- 9 a. Is she the best teacher you know?
b. Is she the better teacher you know?
c. Is she the gooddest teacher you know?

- 10 a. I am as shorter as my cousin.
b. I am the shortest than my cousin.
c. I am shorter than my cousin.



Soluciones: 1.- c) the cleverest 2.- a) the most dangerous 3.- b) the worst 4.- a) the prettiest 5.- c) the youngest 6.- c) Who is the oldest student in the class? 7.- a) James' car is as big as his friend's. 8.- b) This is the most expensive toy in the shop. 9.- a) Is she the best teacher you know? 10.- c) I am shorter than my cousin.