

Superlatives

It's used to compare **three or more** things or people.

Superiority

Small adjective: adj + "est"

calm - **the calmest**

old - **the oldest**

short - **the shortest**

My dog is the calmest one on the street I live.

That turtle was the oldest turtle alive.

The shortest man alive is from Colombia.

Long adjective: the most + adj

beautiful - **the most** beautiful *Sarah is the most beautiful girl in town.*

intelligent - **the most** intelligent *Mark is the most intelligent student at school.*

expensive - **the most** expensive *NYC is the most expensive place to live.*

Adjectives ending in "y": remove "y" + "iest"

happy - **the happiest**

funny - **the funniest**

lovely - **the loveliest**

I'm the happiest girl in the therapy group.

Kevin Hart is the funniest comedian in the world.

Your granny is the loveliest!

Adjectives ending in Consonant Vowel Consonant: double last consonant + "est"

hot - **the hottest**

big - **the biggest**

thin - **the thinnest**

The Lut Desert is the hottest desert on Earth.

SP is the biggest city in Brazil.

This book is the thinnest I have ever read.

Irregular adjectives

good - **the best**

bad - **the worst**

far - **the farthest** *physically distant*

the furthest *hypothetical distance*

I am the best in Maths.

This movie is the worst.

I live the farthest from school.

This is the furthest I will read today.

Inferiority

The least + adjective

popular - **the least** popular

economic - **the least** economic

interesting - **the least** interesting

John is the least popular kid at school.

That car is the least economic at Honda.

She is the least interesting person in my family.

Important notes

Three or more things

We use the superlative form of an adjective or adverb to compare three or more things.

Both Peter and his brother play football, but Peter is better.

We are just talking about Peter and another person, so we use comparatives!

Peter and his two brothers all play football, but Peter is the best.

Now, that we are comparing Peter and other two people, we use superlatives.

the best in

After the superlative, we use **in** before names of places or before singular words referring to groups of people (class, school, team, family, etc.)

The Everest is the highest mountain in the world. (NOT of the world)

She is the best student in class.

He's the tallest in his family.

the / my / Mary's

Before the superlative, we always use **the** or a **possessive adjective** (my, your, his, etc.) or **noun + possessive's** (Paul's, Elisabeth's, etc.)

He is the best.

This is my most expensive jacket.

This is Paul's best friend.