



ENGLISH

Chapter 19 Session B

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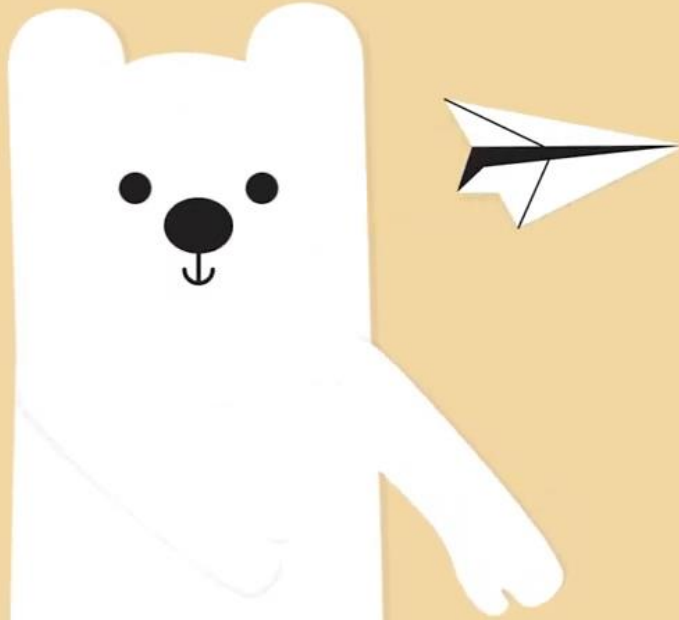
AMAZING PLACES

Superlatives



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GRAMMAR 1

Superlatives

- 1 Look at these sentences and underline the superlative adjectives.
- a Two of the most famous cultural sites are the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Taj Mahal in Agra, India.
 - b The Great Pyramid is the biggest pyramid in the world.
 - c Some people think the Taj Mahal is the loveliest building in the world.
 - d The best Roman ruins to visit are Pompeii and Herculaneum.

2 Complete the table below as to the use of superlative adjectives.

superlative adjectives		
	adjective	superlative
Add <i>-est</i> to most short adjectives	small	the <u>smallest</u>
Add <i>most</i> to long adjectives	famous	the <u>most famous</u>
Irregular forms	good	the <u>best</u>

* Use *the* before all superlatives

- 3 The chart below presents basic rules for spelling comparatives and superlatives. Use the adjectives below to fill in the chart accordingly.

interesting old good busy smart pretty famous bad sad big

comparatives	superlatives
Add <i>-er</i> to one syllable adjectives: <u>older, smarter</u>	Use <i>the</i> and add <i>-est</i> to one syllable adjectives: <u>the oldest, the smartest</u>
One-syllable adjective with a consonant-vowel-consonant pattern: double the consonant and add <i>-er</i> : <u>bigger, sadder</u>	One-syllable adjective with a consonant-vowel-consonant pattern: double the consonant and add <i>-est</i> (don't forget <i>the</i>): <u>the biggest, the saddest</u>
Two-syllable adjectives ending in <i>-y</i> : change the <i>-y</i> to <i>-i</i> and add <i>-er</i> : <u>prettier, busier</u>	Two-syllable adjectives ending in <i>-y</i> : change the <i>-y</i> to <i>-i</i> and add <i>-est</i> (don't forget <i>the</i>): <u>the prettiest, the busiest</u>
Adjectives with two or more syllables, use <i>more</i> before the adjective: <u>more interesting, more famous</u>	Adjectives with two or more syllables, use <i>the most</i> before the adjective: <u>the most famous, the most interesting</u>
Irregular words have no pattern: <u>better, worse</u>	Irregular words have no pattern: <u>the best, the worst</u>

4 Underline the correct words in the sentences below.

- a** The Amazon Basin hosts **the most** / **the more** important rainforest in the world.
- b** I think New York is the **goodest** / **best** city in the world for music.
- c** The Blue Grotto, on the island of Capri, is one of the **loveliest** / **lovelier** caves in the world.
- d** The Smithsonian is **the larger** / **the largest** research and museum complex in the world.
- e** Oymyakon in Russia is said to be one of the **worst** / **bad** travel destinations because it is home to one of **the coldest** / **the most cold** weather in the world.

- 5 Read about some top rainforests in the world. Fill in the blanks with the superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses.



Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- a Tongass National Forest in the US is home to the most endangered (endangered) species of flora and fauna in the country.
- b Ecuador's Cloud forest has more than 1,500 different types of birds; it has some of the most diverse (diverse) bird fauna in the world.
- c The Amazon rainforest is the largest (large) rainforest in the world; it provides 20% of the Earth's oxygen.
- d Khao Sok National Park in the south of Thailand has an area of untouched rainforest which is one of the oldest (old) evergreen forests in the world.

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INTERFACE Work in pairs. Ask about places you know using the superlative.

What is the most interesting place you know?

It's the Grand Canyon, and you?





LISTENING

Amazing Places


- 1 Look at the pictures and guess the answer to the questions.

- a How old is the man?
He's in his eighties.
- b What kind of building is this?
It's a church / cathedral.





2  **70** Listen and check your answers.

3  **70** Listen again and answer the questions.

a When did he start building?



1961



1971

b How big is the building?

40 m²8,000 m²

c Who helps him with the building?



his grandchildren



his nephews

d What materials does he use?



recycled materials



new materials

e What did he advertise on TV?




his building



a sports drink



- 4  **CLASS VOTE** What would you prefer to build from recycled materials – a castle, or a university? Why?





Superlatives



- 1 Write the comparative and superlative forms.

adjective	comparative	superlative
short	<u>shorter</u>	<u>the shortest</u>
a new	<u>newer</u>	<u>the newest</u>
b hot	<u>hotter</u>	<u>the hottest</u>
c sad	<u>sadder</u>	<u>the saddest</u>
d funny	<u>funnier</u>	<u>the funniest</u>
e interesting	<u>more interesting</u>	<u>the most interesting</u>
f beautiful	<u>more beautiful</u>	<u>the most beautiful</u>
g good	<u>better</u>	<u>the best</u>
h bad	<u>worse</u>	<u>the worst</u>

- 2** Classify the adjectives in activity 1 according to their comparative and superlative form.

1 syllable adjectives	ending in vowel + consonant
short, new	hot, sad
2 syllables ending in -y	
funny	
2 or more syllables	
interesting, beautiful	
irregular	
good, bad	

Homework

- 3** Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

Picasso is the most famous Spanish painter in history. (famous)

- a** _____ pyramid in Egypt is the Pyramid of Djoser. (old)
- b** Chamomile tea is _____ tea to help relax. (good)
- c** Soccer is _____ sport worldwide. (popular)
- d** English is one of _____ languages to learn. (easy)



- e Love is the _____ value to many people. (important)
- f Sweets are _____ kind of food for a bad tooth. (bad)

- 4 Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in the box.

big dangerous heavy high
long old ~~popular~~ pretty

The British Museum is the most popular tourist attraction in London. It gets more than five million visitors a year.



- a The longest cave passage in the world is in Vietnam. It's 4.5 kilometers long.
- b Loarre Castle is one of the oldest castles in Spain. It's nearly 1,000 years old.
- c The highest pyramid in the world is the Great Pyramid at Giza, Egypt. It's 138.8 meters high.
- d North Yungas Road in the Bolivian Andes is the most dangerous road in the world. Around 150 people die on it every year.



- e The heaviest snake in the Amazon rainforest is the anaconda. It can weigh nearly 180 kilos.
- f Many people think that Formentera has the prettiest coastline in the Balearic Islands because it has white sandy beaches and clear blue water.
- g Alaska is the biggest state in the USA.



