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## 3.09 Wonders of the world!

\* Using superlative adjectives and superlatives with nouns



Listen to the next audio, did you know any of these trivia?



**Which city has the tallest office building in the world?**



**The largest office building is 659,611 square metres (7,100,000 square feet) and was achieved by Surat Diamond Bourse (India) in Surat, Gujarat, India, on 8 August 2023.**

**Where is the largest city by area?**



**The world's largest city, by area, is Altamira in Brazil, which covers 159,696 km<sup>2</sup>.**

**Which is the largest living cat?**



**The largest living cat is Hercules, an adult male liger (lion x tigress hybrid) currently housed at Myrtle Beach Safari, a wildlife reserve in South Carolina, USA. In total length, he measures 3.33 m (131 in), stands 1.25 m (49 in) at the shoulder, and weighs 418.2 kg (922 lb).**



**Who holds the title of scoring the most career goals in soccer?**



**The most goals scored in a specified period is 1,279 by Edson Arantes do Nascimento (Brazil) (b. 23 Oct 1940), known as Pelé, from 7 Sep 1956 to 1 Oct 1977 in 1,363 games. His best year was 1959 with 126, and the Milésimo (1000th) came from a penalty for his club Santos at the Maracanã Stadium, Rio de Janeiro, on 19 Nov 1969 when playing his 909th first-class match. He later added two more goals in special appearances.**

**Who was the oldest person ever?**



**The greatest fully authenticated age to which any human has ever lived is 122 years 164 days by Jeanne Louise Calment (France). Born on 21 February 1875 to Nicolas (1837 - 1931) and Marguerite (née Gilles 1838 - 1924), Jeanne died at a nursing home in Arles, southern France on 4 August 1997.**



Superlative adjectives are used to compare three or more people, places, or things to say one has more (or less) of a quality than the others. Superlative adjectives before nouns are mostly used with the



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For short adjectives (one-syllable adjectives and some two-syllable ones),  
add -est

**Tall**



**The  
tallest**

**Busy**



**The  
busiest**

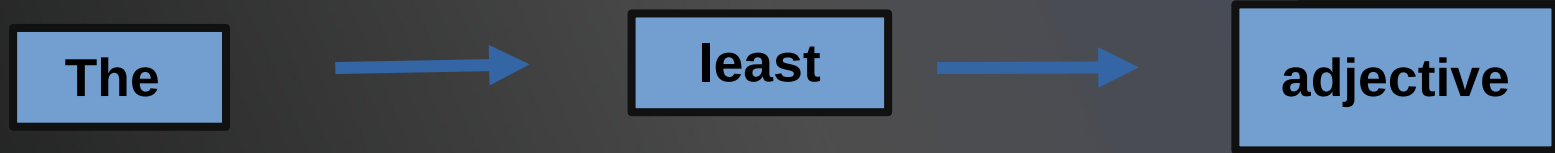
**What's the tallest building in the world?**

For longer adjectives (some two-syllable adjectives and adjectives with three or more syllables), use **most+ adjective**.



What's the most interesting city in your country?

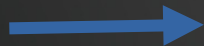
**Least is the opposite of most.**



**What's the least expensive store?**

## Some adjectives have irregular forms for the superlative

Good



The  
best

Bad

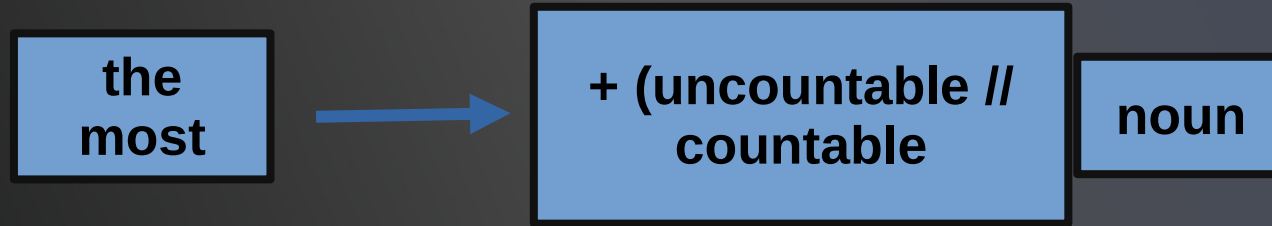


The  
worst

What's the best country to visit?



**For superlatives followed by a noun, use the most**



**Which country has the most tourism //  
tourists?**

Complete these questions about your country. Use the superlative form of the adjectives or the superlative with nouns

- 1. What's the largest (large) city?
- 2. Which airport has \_\_\_\_\_ (flights) every day?
- 3. What's \_\_\_\_\_ (fast) way to travel?
- 4. What's \_\_\_\_\_ (beautiful) region?
- 5. Which city has \_\_\_\_\_ (tourism)?
- 6. Where's \_\_\_\_\_ (famous) monument?
- 7. What's \_\_\_\_\_ (good) university?
- 8. What's \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) problem for people?
- 9. Which city has \_\_\_\_\_ (big) population?

## Linking and deletion with superlatives : speaking practice

- Link the final “st” to vowel sounds and the sounds // h, l, r, w, y //

- What's the most interesting neighborhood?
- What's the tallest office building?
- What's the biggest hotel?
- What's the largest library?
- What's the nicest restaurant?
- What's the fastest way to travel around?
- What's the oldest university?

- Delete the final “t” and link the ‘s’ to most consonant sounds

- What area has the most traffic?
- What's the busiest mall or shopping area?
- Where's the biggest stadium?
- What's the best sports team?
- What neighborhood has the most clubs?
- What's the most popular dance club?
- What's the best movie theater?

Complete the facts and tips about different places in the world.  
Use the superlative forms of the adjectives or the most // the least with the nouns.

- 1. \_\_\_\_ (big) national park in the world is in Greenland.
- 2. \_\_\_\_ (fast) roller coaster in Europe is in Spain.
- 3. Canada has \_\_\_\_ (long) coastline in the world. It's great for sightseeing.
- 4. \_\_\_\_ (expensive) hotel in the world is in Dubai. The rooms cost over \$10,000 a night.
- 5. Summer is \_\_\_\_ (bad) time to visit Venice because that's when there are \_\_\_\_ (tourists).
- 6. The city that has \_\_\_\_ (people) in the United States is New York City.
- 7. The city with \_\_\_\_ (large) population in the world is Shanghai.
- 8. \_\_\_\_ (deep) lake in the world is Lake Baikal in Siberia.
- 9. \_\_\_\_ (small) country in the world is Vatican City in Rome. It's also \_\_\_\_ populated country with only 500 inhabitants.

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