

GRAMMAR

The superlative of adjectives

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Learning outcomes

 I can use the superlative form of adjectives.

 I can form sentences with superlative adjectives.



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These rooms are bright. That room is brighter. This room is the **brightest**!





Forming the superlative

When something is **superlative** it means that it is the **greatest** within a set group of nouns.

We add **-est** to form the superlative and also use the definite article **the** in order to separate the noun from the rest of its group.

adjective	superlative
big	the biggest
smart	the smartest
cold	the coldest
long	the longest
strict	the strictest





Change –y to -i

If the word ends in -y, we change it to -i and then add -est.

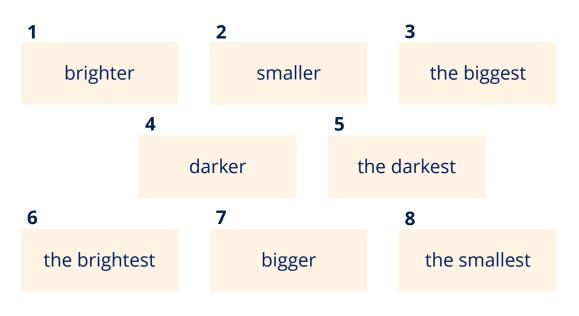
adjective	comparative	superlative
lazy	laz ier	the lazi est
noisy	nois ier	the nois iest
messy	mess ier	the mess iest
tidy	tid ier	the tid iest

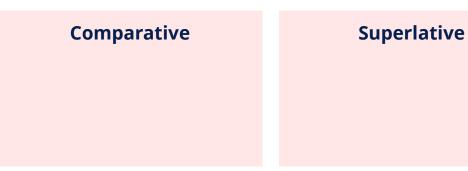




Comparative or superlative?









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1	My sister has two children. Her son is	than her dau	ghter.
	a. older	b. oldest	
2	There are three rooms in the office. The st	corage room is the	,
	a. darker	b. darkest	
3	Steve's house has a garden and a balcony.	The balcony is	than the garden.
	a. bigger	b. biggest	
4	I moved to the countryside because I want	ed to live in a	town.
	a. smaller	b. smallest	
5	Of all the books I have ever read, this one w	was the	
	a. funnier	b. funniest	





Comparative or superlative?

1	My dog is the	dog in the neighbourhood	
	a. bigger	b. smallest	
2	You have the	voice in the entire class.	
	a. loudest	b. longest	
3	Yesterday I travelled from Themade.	nailand to New York. It was the	journey l've ever
	a. biggest	b. longest	





Comparative or superlative?

Tick \boldsymbol{c} for comparative or \boldsymbol{s} for superlative.

		C	S
1	That is the noisiest baby!		
2	This apartment is quieter than that one.		
3	Those are the messiest bedrooms!		
4	Your house is tidier than my house.		
5	My kitchen is brighter than my bathroom.		



Practise saying these words

noisiest

messiest

tidiest

darkest







Transform the sentences

Create superlative sentences using the same adjective.

1	This bedroom is messy.	>	This bedroom is the messiest.
2	That bedroom is tidy.	>	
3	This flat is noisy.	>	
4	Your dog is cute.	>	
5	My mobile phone is new.	>	
6	These flowers are nice.	>	



Complete the sentences



In breakout rooms or together as a class, **finish** the sentences with a **superlative** of your choice.

- 1 I love this film. It's the...
- **2** These flowers are the...
- 3 New York is the...
- 4 Antarctica is the...
- **5** Their cat is the...





Using *most*

For longer words, we use **the most** and we don't add **-est**.

adjective	comparative	superlative
cheap	cheap er	the cheap est
expensive	more expensive	the most expensive
traditional	more traditional	the most traditional
contemporary	more contemporary	the most contemporary





Using *least*

We also use **least** to form superlatives.

adjective	comparative	superlative
cheap	cheap er	the cheap est
expensive	less expensive	the least expensive
traditional	less traditional	the least traditional
contemporary	less contemporary	the least contemporary





Superlative endings

Categorise the adjectives according to their ending in the **superlative**.



1		2	3	
	expensive	quie	t	cheap
4		5	6	
	dark	mess	sy	bright
7		8	9	
	noisy	traditio	onal co	ntemporary
	-est	-iest	t	most





Adjectives

nice

quiet





That is **the nicest** view I've ever seen!

She is **the quietest** student in the class





Adjectives

expensive

fast

bright





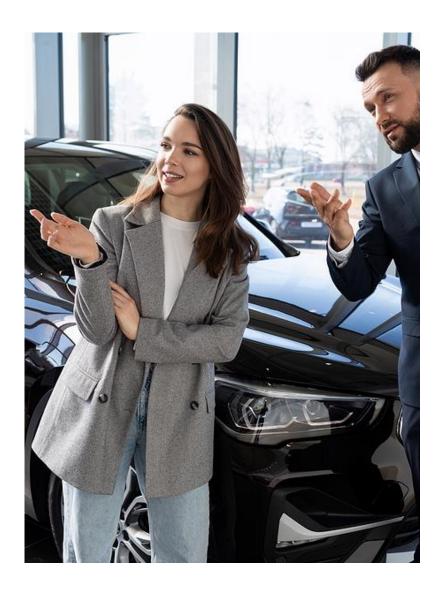


This is **the most expensive** computer
I've ever bought.

I am the fastest!

This is **the brightest** room in my house.





That car is more affordable than this one.

If something is **affordable**, it is not expensive.





Compare the rooms

Use **comparative** and **superlative adjectives** to compare these rooms.











Jack and Jane

- 1. **Read** the text.
- 2. Then **answer** the questions with a partner.

Jack: I'm the best baker in the whole family!

Jane: No you're not. I'm the best. I always make the

tastiest cakes!

Jack: Your cakes aren't tasty at all. And you always make a mess in the kitchen. You are the messiest person I know!

Jane: That's the biggest lie I've ever heard. I am much tidier than you. Your bedroom is the messiest room in the whole house.

Jack: Stay out of my bedroom!



- 1. Who is messier, Jack or Jane?
- 2. Whose bedroom is the messiest in the house?





Your family

Talk about your family using the adjectives on this page and phrases from the dialogue on **P.19** to help you.

My brother is the messiest	messiest	loudest	funniest
My dad is the loudest	smaller	nicest	bigger
My mum is the funniest	happier	cuter	most interesting



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Let's reflect!

 Can you use the superlative form of adjectives?

Can you form sentences with superlative adjectives?

Your teacher will now make one suggestion for improvement for each student.



End of the lesson

Idiom

to make the most of something

Meaning: to enjoy something as much as possible

Example: We're only here for one more day, so let's make the most of it.







Additional practice



Complete the table



bigger	
	the most expensive
nicer	
	the messiest
tidier	
	the most traditional
more contemporary	
	the cheapest
quieter	





Fill in the blanks



I have three children	
Elsa is the,	I never hear her! Ed
makes the	cakes, but Ellen
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	! Ellen is the
	s us laugh a lot. I
think Ed is the	
always full of stuff. E	
Her bedroom is the r	nicest!



better	tidiest	quietest
funniest	tastiest	messiest





Make sentences



Use the words in the pink boxes to make sentences about the pictures.

nicesthappiestmost delicious



messiest warmest coldest

1



2



3



1



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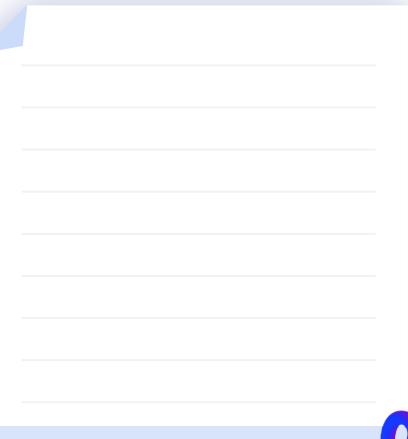


Write four sentences about the rooms in your house using superlative adjectives. You can use the questions to help you or think of your own sentences.

Which room is the tidiest?
Which room is the messiest?
Which room is the most contemporary?
Which room is the nicest?







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Answer key

P.6: Comparative: brighter, smaller, darker, bigger. Superlative: the biggest, the darkest, the brightest, the smallest

P.7: 1) a, 2) b, 3) a, 4) a, 5) b

P.8: 1) b, 2) a, 3) b

P.9: 1) S, 2) C, 3) S, 4) C, 5) C

P.11: 2) That bedroom is the tidiest. 3) This flat is the noisiest. 4) Your dog is the cutest. 5) My mobile phone is the newest. 6) These flowers are the nicest.

P.15: -est: quiet, cheap, dark, bright. –iest: messy, noisy. most: expensive, traditional, contemporary





Answer key



P.25: the biggest, more expensive, the nicest, messier, the tidiest, more traditional, the most contemporary, cheaper, the quietest

P.26: quietest, tastiest, better, funniest, messiest, tidiest



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Summary

Forming the superlative:

- We add **-est** to form the superlative and also use the definite article **the** in order to separate the noun from the rest of its group, e.g. *the biggest, the smallest*
- If the word ends in **-y**, we change it to **-i** and then add **-est**, e.g. the messiest, the tidiest

Forming the superlative:

- For longer words, we use **the most** and we don't add **-est**, e.g. the most expensive, the most traditional
- We also use least to form superlatives, e.g. the least contemporary

New adjectives:

nice, quiet, expensive, fast, bright





Vocabulary

nice
quiet
expensive
fast
bright





Notes

