

Adjectives

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Superlative adjectives compare three or more items.

There are several different ways to form the superlative adjective.

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Superlative Adjectives – Examples #1

For short adjectives (one or two syllables), add 'est' or 'st' to the end.

Replace a 'y' at the end of the word with 'i'.

Words ending in a vowel + single consonant often double the consonant.

- The film is *long*. The film is *the longest* one ever made.
- Sandra is *pale*. Sandra is *the palest* one on the beach.
- John is *funny*. John is *the funniest* person I know.
- That elephant is *big*. It's *the biggest* elephant I have ever seen.

For adjectives with three or more syllables, add *most*.

- The dress is *beautiful*. The dress is the *most beautiful* of them all.
- This suit is *expensive*. This suit is the *most expensive* I have ever bought.

Superlative Adjectives – Examples #2

There are some adjectives that have irregular superlatives.

- Sarah is *good* at tennis. Sarah is *the best* in the tennis club.
- Jim is *bad* at football. Jim is *the worst* in the team.
- Tony can run *far*. Tony ran *the farthest* (or *furthest*).
- Jenny ate *little* food in the evening. Jenny ate *the least* food in the evening.
- The superlative of *much* and *many* is *most*.

Superlative Adjectives – Examples #4

We often omit the group if the context is clear.

- All the brothers are fast runners. Tony is *the fastest*.
- We all drank at the same time. Lenny drank *the quickest*.
- The whole team played well. Paul played *the best*.