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Motivational question

Which is the best soccer team? What is the most expensive car?



Find out different ways in which you can make comparisons (Superlatives). This is an A1 level competence, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/source/framework_en.pdf page 24).

Key words:

Superlative forms, the most...



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Superlatives

Figure 1



We use superlatives when we compare a group of people, places or things.

Superlative adjectives are used to compare at least 3 things or 3 groups of things. When we want to state that something is at the highest or the lowest degree, than we use superlative adjectives.

If the adjective has less than 3 syllables, add “**est**”.

Examples: I am in **the smallest** class in the school.

The house at the end of **the** street is the **nicest**.

If the adjective has more than 3 syllables, add “**most**” before the adjective.

Example: **The most** interesting subject is English.

The dolphins are **the most** intelligent animals.

It is common that “**the**” is used before the superlative adjective.

He lives in **the** biggest house on the block.

My brother is **the** tallest person in our family.



If the word ends in **consonant + vowel + consonant**, double the last consonant and add [est]

Examples:

- hot = Hot**test**
- big = big**gest**
- Slim = Slim**mest**

** w,x,y,z do NOT follow the **consonant + vowel + consonant** rule.

Examples: That bedroom is the **biggest** place in the house.
This book is the **newest** of all.



If the two-syllable adjectives ends with “y”, change the *y* to *i* and add **est** for the comparative form.

Example:

- Happy = happiest
- Lazy = laziest
- Crazy = craziest
- Busy = Busiest

Example:

Paty is the busiest person I know

My dog is the laziest of all.



IRREGULAR COMPARATIVES

These adjectives have completely irregular comparative forms:

Adjective	Superlative
good	best
bad	worst
little	lest
much	most
far	farthest

For me Real Madrid is the best team of all



When you want to form superlatives you can say:

- Michael is **the *oldest*** boy at the party.
- Katie wore **the *prettiest*** dress of all.
- These are **the *thinnest*** pancakes I've ever made.
- Rebecca was **the *most talented*** singer in the competition.
- John is **the *smartest*** boy in his class.
- He is **the *richest*** man in America.



- English Grammar Aquarium. Autoenglish. Superlatives.
<http://www.autoenglish.org/freeexercises.htm>

Images:

- Figure 1. Football players [image] (2015) Retrieved from
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