SUPERLATIVE FORMS

We use the superlative forms when making comparisons between more than two people, places or objects, but here we also have to follow some rules. When we use one syllable adjectives or adverbs in the superlative, the precedes the adjective (or adverb) and est is added to its ending. If the adjective ends in a consonant preceded by a single vowel, the final consonant is duplicated. Note: this rule also applies to colors, which are adjectives.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Adjective</th>
<th>Comparative form</th>
<th>Superlative form</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Big</td>
<td>Bigger than</td>
<td>The biggest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thin</td>
<td>Thinner than</td>
<td>The thinnest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fast</td>
<td>Faster than</td>
<td>The fastest</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Examples:

New York is bigger than Miami.
Yes, but Los Angeles is the biggest city in the US.

I am thinner than my brother.
But my nephew is the thinnest in the family.

A crow flies faster than a pigeon.
Yes, but eagles fly the fastest.

When forming superlatives using bi-syllabic adjectives that end in y, the y is changed into iest.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Adjective</th>
<th>Comparative form</th>
<th>Superlative form</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Crazy</td>
<td>Crazier than</td>
<td>The craziest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Funny</td>
<td>Funnier than</td>
<td>The funniest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pretty</td>
<td>Prettier than</td>
<td>The prettiest</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Examples:

Armand is crazy. Frank is crazier than Armand.
But Hector is the craziest of all of them.

Maria is pretty. Marcela is prettier than Maria. But Gabriela is the prettiest.

Bugs Bunny is funny. The Simpsons is funnier than Bugs bunny. But Alf is the funniest series on TV.
When forming superlatives using tri-syllabic adjectives, bi-syllabic adjectives not ending in y or adverbs ending in ly, the most precedes the adjective or adverb.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Adjective or Adverb</th>
<th>Comparative form</th>
<th>Superlative form</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Gracefully</td>
<td>More gracefully than</td>
<td>The most gracefully</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expensive</td>
<td>More expensive than</td>
<td>The most expensive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gentle</td>
<td>More gentle than</td>
<td>The most gentle</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Examples:*

Helen dances gracefully. Arlene dances more gracefully than Helen. But Regina dances the most gracefully.

Ford is an expensive car. A Lexus is more expensive than a Ford. But Rolls Royce is the most expensive car. Mary's kitten is gentle. Her sister's horse is more gentle. But the old dog is the most gentle.

*Irregular Forms*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Adjective</th>
<th>Comparative Form</th>
<th>Superlative Form</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>good</td>
<td>better than</td>
<td>the best</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bad</td>
<td>worse than</td>
<td>the worst</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>far</td>
<td>farther than</td>
<td>the farthest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>little</td>
<td>less than</td>
<td>the least</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>few</td>
<td>fewer than</td>
<td>the fewest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>much</td>
<td>more than</td>
<td>the most</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>many</td>
<td>more than</td>
<td>the most</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Use the correct superlative form of the adjective or “most” plus the adjective to fill in the blanks.

1. Alaska is the ___________ state in the United States. (large)

2. Russia is the ___________ country in the world. (big)

3. Mount Everest is the ___________ mountain in the world. (high)

4. She has the ___________ teeth I’ve ever seen. (white)

5. Do you know which is the ___________ growing economy in the world. (fast)

6. Which is the _________________ country in the world? (developed)

7. This store has the _____________ prices in town. (low)

8. For many people, ground transportation is the _____________ way to travel. (safe)

9. The _____________ subject that I studied in school was History. (easy)

10. Which is the _____________ country in South America? (small)

11. Tino is the _____________ student in my class. (smart)

12. For me, mathematics was the _________________ subject in school. (difficult)

13. This gold watch is the _________________ item in the jewelry store. (expensive)

14. My brother John is the _________________ person in my family. (talented)

15. Among cotton, leather, and paper, cotton is the ___________ material. (soft)

16. New York probably has the _________________ number of immigrants in all the states. (large)

17. Which are the five _________________ countries in the world? (developed)

18. Where is the _________________ place on earth? (cold)

19. The Mississippi River is the _________________ river in the United States. (long)
20. My uncle Ted is the ______________ person in my family. (funny)

21. What is the _______________ thing you ever did? (complicated)

22. The _______________ point on earth in the Pacific Ocean. (deep)

23. My grandfather is the _____________ person in my family. (old)

24. I want to stay in the ______________ hotel in town. (good)

25. This is the ________________ movie I’ve ever seen. (bad)

26. This is the ______________ solution to the problem. (good)

27. Here comes the ______________ part of the story. (bad)

28. What is the _______________ movie you’ve ever seen? (bad)

29. Your dog is the ______________ dog in the neighborhood. (mean)

30. What was the ______________ thing that ever happened to you? (bad)

31. That was the ______________ thing I have ever heard. (dumb)

32. Which is the ______________ country in the European Union? (big)

33. Excuse me! What is the ___________ way to get to the airport? (quick)

34. What is the most ______________ thing you’ve ever done? (exciting)

35. What is the ______________ day of the year? (short)

36. Which do you think is the ______________ city in the world? New York, Tokyo, Moscow, or London? (expensive)

37. Where the ______________ building in the world located? (tall)

38. Which country has the ______________ means of transportation? (modern)

39. What was the ______________ day of your life? (important)

40. New York is one of the ______________ cities in the world. (exciting)