

COMPARISONS - THE SUPERLATIVE

RULES OF FORMATION

To form the superlative of an adjective we have to follow these rules:

ONE SYLLABLE ADJECTIVES:

We add **-est** to the adjective.

Ex: She's the **shortest** girl here.

TWO SYLLABLE ADJECTIVES:

We also add **-est** when the adjective has two syllables and ends in:

er- clever → **cleverest**

-y - pretty → **prettiest**

-le - gentle → **gentlest**

-ow - slow → **slowest**

For the rest of two syllable adjectives and adjectives of more than two syllables, we use **most** before the adjective:

It is the **most boring** film I've ever seen.

She's the **most beautiful** girl at school.

IRREGULAR SUPERLATIVES:

Good → **BEST**

Bad → **WORST**

Far → **FARTHEST / FURTHEST**

We can use **oldest** or **eldest** when we are talking about people in a family.

My **oldest / eldest** sister is 25.

We use **"the"** before a superlative.

After superlatives we use:

IN / AT → for places, organisations and groups.

What is the highest mountain **in the world**?

She's the laziest girl **in the class**.

OF → for a period of time

Yesterday was the coldest day **of the year**.

We often use the Present Perfect after a superlative:

He's the tallest men **I've ever seen**.

Sometimes we use **most + adjective** to mean "very":

The book was **most interesting**.

SPELLING RULES

SPELLING RULES FOR THE -ER SUFFIX:

The general rule is to add **-est** to the adjective in the positive form, but there are some rules we have to follow:

1- When the adjective ends in **-e** we only add **"st"**:

Ex: nice → **nicest**

2- With one syllable adjectives ending in only one consonant and preceded the final consonant by only one vowel, we double the final consonant:

thin → **thinnest**

hot → **hottest**

3- Those adjectives ending in **-y** preceded by a consonant change **"y"** into **"i"** and then add the **-er** suffix:

easy → **easiest**

heavy → **heaviest**



Read the prompts and write sentences using the superlative. Then match the sentences to the pictures.

1. London / large city/ England
2. The Alps / high mountains / Europe
3. Bill / tall boy / the athletes
4. Scary Movie / bad film / I ever see
5. The book/ exciting / I ever read
6. David / strong boy / I know
7. Venice / beautiful city / I ever visit
8. This house / cheap / town
9. Peter / handsome boy / I ever meet
10. They eat/ expensive restaurant / town
11. 31st July / hot day / the year
12. She / beautiful girl / the world
13. Sheila / talkative girl / my class
14. Yesterday / sad day / her life
15. Tim / lazy boy/ I know

