

EXERCISE 1 SPELLING: REGULAR AND IRREGULAR SUPERLATIVES

Write the superlative form of the adjectives.

Adjective

Superlative

1. amazing

the most amazing

2. bad

3. big

4. cute

5. dynamic

6. expensive

7. far

8. funny

9. good

10. happy

11. hot

12. important

13. intelligent

14. interesting

15. low

16. nice

17. noisy

18. practical

19. warm

20. wonderful

EXERCISE 2 THE SUPERLATIVE

Look at the information comparing the subway systems in three cities. Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses. Also, write the name of the correct city.

THREE NORTH AMERICAN SUBWAY SYSTEMS

	Toronto	New York City	Mexico City
First opened	1954	1904	1969
Length (miles)	42.41	233.5	140.7
Number of riders (per year)	400 million	1.8 billion	1.7 billion
Cost of a single ride*	\$2.32	\$2.75	\$0.27

¹(and an additional 17.1 miles under construction)

*in U.S. dollars

1. New York City has the oldest (old) subway system.
2. _____ has the newest (new) subway system.
3. _____'s system is the longest (long).
4. _____'s system is the shortest (short).
5. _____ system is in the most crowded (busy) subway station.
6. _____ has the lowest (low) number of riders.
7. The subway in _____ is the most expensive (expensive) to use.
8. You can buy the cheapest (cheap) single ticket in _____.



EXERCISE 3 SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

Read the comments posted on an online subway message board. Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the correct adjectives from the boxes. Use *the -est* or *the most / the least*.

Track Talk

beautiful big easy new ~~old~~

I just got back from London. Completed in 1863, the Tube (that's what they call their subway) is the oldest 1. in the world, but it works just fine!

Sheppard Subway is the most 2. metro line in Toronto. It was completed in 2002. I just rode it. Very nice!

IMHO (In my humble¹ opinion), the Moscow subway stations are without question the most 3. in the world. They have some really nice features. Statues, chandeliers, and artwork on the walls make them look more like museums than stations! It's also one of the easiest 4. systems to use. There are plenty of maps and signs in the stations so you don't get lost. As you can see, I'm one of the most 5. fans of this great public transportation system!

comfortable convenient cool dangerous fast hot interesting

I just got back from a week's vacation in New York City. We had a great time and rode the subway a lot. I have to say the subway seats are the most 6. I've ever experienced! They are so hard. I heard they used to be made of straw.² In any case, it's the easiest 7. way to get around town—no traffic to slow you down. It's summer, and all the trains are air-conditioned. Get ready for one of

¹ *humble*: not considering your ideas as important or as good as other people's

² *straw*: dried stems of wheat or similar plants

8. _____ rides you've ever been on. In contrast, the stations are among _____ 9. I've ever been in. I'm sure the temperature was over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. That said, New York has one of _____ 10. systems in the world. It's open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and you can go all over the place—even to the beach! And I think it's _____ 11. form of transportation to take. You see all kinds of people. It's a very multicultural experience. Really fascinating. And this may really surprise you, but some people say it's one of _____ 12. subway systems because there are so many people on it. You're almost never alone—even late at night. I guess there's safety in numbers!

crowded dangerous efficient expensive historic quiet

The subway in Athens is probably _____ in the world. When they were building the system, they found the remains of ancient roads, shops, and 13. baths. They've made these part of the system.

Tokyo has _____ subway in the world. At rush hour, there are 14. so many people that special workers have to help push them onto the trains.

Driving in Paris? Don't even think about it! _____ way of getting around is the Metro. As in all big cities, you need to be careful and watch your personal belongings. Rush hour is definitely _____ time to ride 15. 16. the subway because there can be pickpockets "working" the trains.

I love the subway system in Mexico City. First of all, at just 5 pesos (about 27 cents), it's 17. ride in town (actually, in the whole world!). And because the train has rubber wheels, it's one of _____ 18. rides, too.

EXERCISE 4 EDITING

Read the tourist's postcard. There are seven mistakes in the use of the superlative. The first mistake is already corrected. Find and correct six more.

Hola!

Greetings from Mexico City! With its mixture of the old and the new, this is one of the ~~interesting~~^{most interesting} cities I've ever visited. The people are among the friendlier in the world, and they have been very patient with my attempts to speak their language. Spanish is definitely one of a most beautiful languages, and I really want to take lessons when I get home.

This has been the most hot summer in years, and I'm looking forward to going to the beach next week. The air pollution is also the ~~worst~~^{baddest} I've experienced, so I'll be glad to be out of the city.

By the way, we definitely did not need to rent a car. The most fast and convenient way to get around is by subway.

See you soon.



