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The Superlative

EXERCISE 1 THE SUPERLATIVE

Look at the restaurant reviews and answer the questions.

	Donnelly's	The Big Oven	Circo	Shanghai Garden
Prices	\$\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$
Quality of Food	7.5	9.5	7	10
Friendliness of Staff	7.5	10	8	7.5
Cleanliness	10	9	7	9.5
Atmosphere	9	9.5	10	7
Size	35 tables	20 tables	60 tables	35 tables
Overall Rating	8.5	9.5	8	8.5

Which restaurant ...

1. is the most expensive? Donnelly's
2. has the most delicious food? _____
3. has the friendliest staff? _____
4. is the cleanest? _____
5. has the nicest atmosphere? _____
6. is the biggest? _____
7. is the best? _____

EXERCISE 2 THE SUPERLATIVE FORM OF ADJECTIVES

Complete the sentences. Use the superlative form of the adjective.

1. The kitchen is always hot. It's the hottest room in the house.
2. Roger's a bad student. He's the worst student in the class.
3. Chemistry is hard. For me, it's the most difficult subject in school.
4. Roses are beautiful. I think that roses are the most beautiful flowers.

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5. Noon is a busy time at the bank. In fact, it's _____ time.
6. *Married Young* is a funny program. It's _____ program on TV.
7. Scully's is a good restaurant. In fact, it's _____ restaurant in town.
8. Monkeys are ugly. In my opinion, they're _____ animals in the zoo.
9. Midnight is a popular nightclub. It's _____ nightclub in town.
10. Dixon's has low prices. It has _____ prices in the neighborhood.
11. Pamela's a fast swimmer. She's _____ swimmer on the team.
12. Jake is charming. He's _____ of all my friends.

EXERCISE 3 THE SUPERLATIVE AND ONE OF THE

Write questions with *one of the* and the superlative form of the adjective. Then answer the questions.

1. What / long / rivers in the world?

What is one of the longest rivers in the world? _____ *The Mississippi.* _____

2. What / tall / buildings in the world?

3. What / crowded / cities in the world?

4. What / famous / buildings in the world?

5. What / polluted / places in the world?

6. Who / good / athletes in the world?

EXERCISE 4 THE COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE FORM OF ADJECTIVES

Write two sentences. Use the superlative form of the adjective in parentheses for one sentence. Use the comparative form for the other.

1. a train / a plane / a bus (fast)

A plane is the fastest of the three.

A train is faster than a bus.

2. a teenager / a child / a baby (old)

3. Nigeria / Spain / Sweden (hot)

4. a street / a path / a highway (wide)

5. a city / a village / a town (big)

6. an elephant / a gorilla / a fox (heavy)

7. an hour / a second / a minute (long)

8. boxing / golf / soccer (dangerous)

EXERCISE 5 EDITING

Correct the conversation. There are six mistakes. The first mistake is already corrected.
Find and correct five more.

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A: My dog Topper is the ~~goodest~~ dog in the world. A lot of my friends have dogs, but Topper is
smartest.

B: Is she the most pretty, too?

A: She's one of the prettiest. She's also the sweeter.

B: Is she sweeter than your old dog, Spike?

A: Spike was sweet, but Topper is friendly with everyone. I think Topper is the friendlier dog in the
neighborhood, and she's also one of the almost playful dog I know.

EXERCISE 6 PERSONAL WRITING

Write about your favorite animal. Use at least one superlative and *one of* + superlative.

EXAMPLE: *My favorite animal is the giraffe. It's the tallest animal in the world, and it's also one of
the quietest. In fact, giraffes make no sounds at all. I love giraffes because they are so
beautiful. I think they are the most graceful animals in the world. I love to watch them
on TV. Hopefully, one day I will see them up close.*