9-11 USING SUPERLATIVES

(a) Tokyo is one of ***the largest cities in the world***. (b) David is ***the most generous person I have ever known***. (c) I have three books. These two are quite good, but this one is the ***best*** (book) ***of all***.	Typical completions when a superlative is used: In (a): superlative + *in* a place *(the world, this class, my family, the corporation, etc.)*. In (b): superlative + adjective clause.* In (c): superlative + *of all*.
(d) I took four final exams. The final in accounting was ***the least difficult*** of all.	*The least* has the opposite meaning of *the most*.
(e) Ali is ***one of*** the best ***students*** in this class. (f) ***One of*** the best ***students*** in this class ***is*** Ali.	Notice the pattern with ***one of***: ***one of*** + **PLURAL noun** (+ **SINGULAR verb**)

*See Chapter 12 for more information about adjective clauses.

☐ EXERCISE 24. Superlatives. (Chart 9-11)

Directions: Complete the sentences with superlatives and the appropriate preposition, ***in*** or ***of***.

1. Jack is *lazy*. He is ___the laziest___ student ___in___ the class.
2. Mike and Julie were *nervous*, but Amanda was ___the most nervous of___ all.
3. Costa Rico is *beautiful*. It is one of _____ countries _____ the world.
4. Scott got a *bad* score on the test. It was one of _____ scores _____ the whole school.
5. Pluto is *far* from the sun. In fact, it is _____ planet from the sun _____ our solar system.
6. There are a lot of *good* cooks in my family, but my mom is _____ cook _____ all.
7. Alaska is *big*. It is _____ state _____ the United States.
8. My grandfather is very *old*. He is _____ person _____ the town where he lives.
9. That chair in the corner is *comfortable*. It is _____ chair _____ the room.
10. Everyone who ran in the race was *exhausted*, but I was _____ _____ all.

EXERCISE 25. Superlatives. (Chart 9-11)

Directions: Use the given phrases to complete the sentences with superlatives.

big bird	*long river in South America*
clean air	*popular forms of entertainment*
✓*deep ocean*	*three common street names*
high mountains on earth	*two great natural dangers*

1. The Pacific is the deepest ocean in the world.
2. There is almost no air pollution at the South Pole. The South Pole has _____ _____ in the world.
3. _____ are in the Himalayan Range in Asia.
4. Most birds are small, but not the flightless North African ostrich. It is _____ _____ in the world.
5. _____ to ships are fog and icebergs.
6. One of _____ throughout the world is the motion picture.
7. _____ in the United States are Park, Washington, and Maple.
8. _____ is the Amazon.

EXERCISE 26. Completing superlatives with adjective clauses. (Chart 9-11)

Directions: Complete the sentences with an appropriate superlative followed by an adjective clause.

1. I have had many *good experiences.* Of those, my vacation to Honduras was one of . . . .
   → *the best experiences I have ever had.*
2. Sally has had many *nice times,* but her birthday party was one of . . . .
3. I've taken many *difficult courses,* but statistics is one of . . . .
4. I've made some *bad mistakes* in my life, but lending my cousin money was one of . . . .
5. We've seen many *beautiful buildings* in the world, but the Taj Mahal is one of . . . .
6. A: How do you think you did on the exam this morning?
   B: I think I did pretty well. It was an *easy test.* In fact, it was one of . . . .

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