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Superlative Adjectives

An **adjective** is a word or phrase used to describe a noun or pronoun.

A **superlative adjective** is used to indicate that *one thing* has some feature to a greater or lesser degree than *all others* (in a given context). For example, if Bill is 45, Ted is 27, and Amy is 43, then Bill is the oldest in the group.

• To show an unequal comparison, you need to use an **adjective** followed by a preposition such as **"of", "in", "on",** etc. It may also be followed by the noun in which it is the greater or lesser. It may also be followed by nothing else when the context is implicit.

• For superlative adjectives with one syllable, add **"est"** to the ending.

[adjective + "est"] preposition

Example: Anika is the tallest of the three sisters.

In this example, *one thing* (Anika) has one feature to a greater degree than *all others* (the three sisters).

Directions: Fill in the spaces using the appropriate superlative adjective.

1. That building is the _____ (tall) in the neighborhood.
2. Aunt Janet is the _____ (old).
3. My bicycle is the _____ (nice) thing I own.
4. The komodo dragon is the _____ (large) lizard in the world.
5. Mt. Denali is the _____ (high) mountain peak in North America.

Directions: Write two of you own sentences using superlative adjectives with one syllable.

1) _____

2) _____

• For superlative adjectives with two syllables that end in **"y",** omit the "y" and add **"iest"** to the end.

[adjective + "iest"] preposition

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Example: The elephant is the heaviest animal in Africa.

Directions: Fill in the spaces using the appropriate superlative adjective.

1. Jones is always the _____ (early) to work.
2. Dogs are the _____ (friendly) animals on earth.
3. That is the _____ (pretty) ring I have ever seen.
4. The Black Mamba is the _____ (deadly) snake in the world.
5. It is the _____ (costly) in North Carolina.

Directions: Write two of you own sentences which show an unequal comparison using an adjective with more than one syllable that ends in**"y"**.

1) _____

2) _____

• For adjectives with more than one syllable that do not end in **"y",** the spelling of the adjective remains unchanged and use **"most"** or **"least"** before the adjective.

[most / least] [adjective] preposition

Example: The butterfly is the most beautiful insect in the country.

Directions: Fill in the spaces using the appropriate superlative adjective.

1. Her house is the _____ _____ (expensive) in the neighborhood.
2. 10th st. is the _____ _____ (dangerous).
3. Billy is the _____ _____ (courageous) person I know.
4. The grey one is the _____ _____ (colorful) of the three.
5. Alaska is the _____ _____ (northern) state in the US.

Directions: Write two of you own sentences which show an unequal comparison using an adjective with one syllable.

1) _____

2) _____

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