

Are you working too hard?

Superlative forms

We use the superlative form to compare three or more things.

Munich is the **most expensive** / the **cheapest** of the six cities.

Category	Example	Superlative
One-syllable adjectives	cheap	(the) cheapest
	small	(the) smallest
Two syllables ending -y	easy	(the) easiest
Two or more syllables	expensive	(the) most expensive
Irregular adjectives	good	(the) best
	bad	(the) worst

1 Complete the questions with the superlative form of the adjective indicated, as in the example.

- 1 What's the **most important** thing in your life? (important)
- 2 What's the thing in your life? (stressful)
- 3 What's the time you start work in the morning? (early)
- 4 What's the time you finish work in the evening? (late)
- 5 What is your meal of the day? (big)
- 6 When is the time of day to have a meeting with colleagues? (good)
- 7 What's the time to call you for business? (bad)
- 8 On holiday, what's the thing to take with you? (important)

2 Match 1–8 in 1 with A–H below to complete the questionnaire, as in the example. Then choose your own answer to each question.

Are You Working too Hard?

A Question

- a After 6 p.m. when the telephone stops ringing.
- b In the morning.
- c In the afternoon.
- d I don't have time for meetings.

B Question

- a 6 a.m. or earlier.
- b Between 7 and 8 a.m.
- c Between 8 and 9 a.m.
- d 9 a.m. or later.

C Question

- a My job.
- b My company.
- c My family and/or friends.
- d My health.

D Question

- a Family holidays.
- b Not enough time to do my job well.
- c Travelling to work.
- d Learning English.

E Question

- a At home in the evening.
- b Phone me when you want. If it's important, I want to know.
- c At weekends.
- d When I'm on holiday.

F Question

- a My computer.
- b My mobile phone.
- c Sun cream and sunglasses.
- d Some paperwork from the office.

G Question

- a 6 p.m. or earlier.
- b Between 7 and 8 p.m.
- c between 8 and 9 p.m.
- d 9 p.m. or later.

H Question

- a Lunch.
- b Dinner.
- c Breakfast.
- d I don't have a big meal. I have little snacks when I have time.

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Use the table to calculate your score.

Q1	a = 3	b = 4	c = 0	d = 1
Q2	a = 4	b = 2	c = 2	d = 1
Q3	a = 4	b = 3	c = 2	d = 1
Q4	a = 1	b = 2	c = 3	d = 4
Q5	a = 0	b = 3	c = 2	d = 4
Q6	a = 3	b = 0	c = 0	d = 4
Q7	a = 0	b = 4	c = 0	d = 0
Q8	a = 4	b = 3	c = 0	d = 4

What was your score?

Less than 10 You have a nice relaxed life – at home and at work.

10 – 18 You work hard, but you know when to stop.

19 – 27 Be careful. If you take on more work, you'll be very stressed.

28 – 32 Oh dear! Time to take a long holiday!  **LIVEWORKSHEETS**