

## Superlatives

How do we form superlative statements? Study and complete the rules for the superlative form in the **grammar reference chart** below.

Adjectives with one syllable: add 'the' + '-est' or '-st'		
cold	<b>the coldest</b>	January is often <u>  cold  </u> winter month.
nice	<b>the nicest</b>	She is <u>  nice  </u> person I know.

Adjectives that end in '-y': add 'the' + change '-y' to '-i' then add '-est'		
early	<b>the earliest</b>	He was <u>  earl  </u> person to arrive.
happy	<b>the happiest</b>	It was <u>  happ  </u> time of my life.

Adjectives with one syllable that end in CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant): double the last letter, add 'the' + '-est' (never double: w, x, y)		
big	<b>the biggest</b>	Russia is <u>  big  </u> country in the world.
hot	<b>the hottest</b>	August is usually <u>  hot  </u> month of the year.

Adjectives with two or more syllables: add 'the' + 'most'		
boring	<b>the most boring</b>	It's <u>  </u> <u>  </u> <b>boring</b> movie playing right now.
expensive	<b>the most expensive</b>	We ate at <u>  </u> <u>  </u> <b>expensive</b> restaurant in town.

Adjectives that are irregular:		
good	<b>the best</b>	She is <u>  </u> <u>  </u> student in our class.
bad	<b>the worst</b>	It was <u>  </u> <u>  </u> storm in many years.
far	<b>the farthest/furthest</b>	He lives <u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u> from my home.

**Practice: Create the superlative form of the adjectives below.**

tall	_____	sad	_____	honest	_____
short	_____	difficult	_____	hard	_____
wonderful	_____	dry	_____	mad	_____
interesting	_____	messy	_____	angry	_____
scary	_____	sweet	_____	important	_____