

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	the coldest	January is often <u> </u> cold <u> </u> winter month.
nice	the nicest	She is <u> </u> nice <u> </u> person I know.

Adjectives that end in '-y': add 'the' + change '-y' to '-i' then add '-est'

early	the earliest	He was <u> </u> earl <u> </u> person to arrive.
happy	the happiest	It was <u> </u> happ <u> </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	the biggest	Russia is <u> </u> big <u> </u> country in the world.
hot	the hottest	August is usually <u> </u> hot <u> </u> month of the year.

Adjectives with two or more syllables: add 'the' + 'most'

boring	the most boring	It's <u> </u> boring movie playing right now.
expensive	the most expensive	We ate at <u> </u> expensive restaurant in town.

Adjectives that are irregular:

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

Practice: Create the superlative form of the adjectives below.

tall	<u> </u>	sad	<u> </u>	honest	<u> </u>
short	<u> </u>	difficult	<u> </u>	hard	<u> </u>
wonderful	<u> </u>	dry	<u> </u>	mad	<u> </u>
interesting	<u> </u>	messy	<u> </u>	angry	<u> </u>
scary	<u> </u>	sweet	<u> </u>	important	<u> </u>