

9-11 USING SUPERLATIVES

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

*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*.

- Jack is *lazy*. He is the laziest student in the class.
- Mike and Julie were *nervous*, but Amanda was the most nervous of all.
- Costa Rico is *beautiful*. It is one of _____ countries _____ the world.
- Scott got a *bad* score on the test. It was one of _____ scores _____ the whole school.
- Pluto is *far* from the sun. In fact, it is _____ planet from the sun _____ our solar system.
- There are a lot of *good* cooks in my family, but my mom is _____ cook _____ all.
- Alaska is *big*. It is _____ state _____ the United States.
- My grandfather is very *old*. He is _____ person _____ the town where he lives.
- That chair in the corner is *comfortable*. It is _____ chair _____ the room.
- 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.

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

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 . . .