

# GRAMMAR BOX: SUPERLATIVES - LONG ADJECTIVES

## POSITIVE SENTENCES

LANGUAGE USAGE	EXAMPLE
Contrasting more than two nouns, follow the format <b>noun + verb + the most + quality + object</b> in adjectives with <b>three or more syllables</b> .	This concert hall <b>is the most beautiful</b> in the city.

## NEGATIVE SENTENCES

LANGUAGE USAGE	EXAMPLE
Notice example box	This <b>is not the most comfortable</b> room I've ever been in.

## INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES

LANGUAGE USAGE	EXAMPLE
Notice example box	Is that <b>the most important</b> issue in your report?

## READING COMPREHENSION: UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATIONS

2. Fill in the corresponding superlative based on the adjectives given in the vocabulary box. Choose a suitable adjective to complete the conversation.

VOCABULARY BOX			
expensive	interesting	difficult	comfortable

- Lee: Social theory is (A.) **the most interesting** subject I've ever taken.  
 Sue: Sure, but the last test was (B.) **the most difficult** I've ever taken.  
 Lee: I know. It was not (C.) **the most comfortable** situation I've ever experienced.  
 Sue: I think about the scholarship every day. This college is (D.) **the most expensive** in town.

## LISTENING: MORE (THAN) OR THE MOST?

3. Select the comparative or the superlative mentioned in the following recordings.

1. ▶ 0:00 / 0:18

1. What has been the most interesting book you've ever read?

- a. ☐ more interesting than  
 b. ☒ the most interesting  
 c. ☐ the most difficult

2. ▶ 0:00 / 0:18

2. What's the most beautiful concert hall in your city?

- a. ☐ the most interesting  
 b. ☒ the most beautiful  
 c. ☐ more expensive than

# SUPERLATIVES

Adjectives with one syllable, add: 'the' + '-est' (or '-st')	<b>cold</b> "January is often <u>the coldest</u> winter month."
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Adjectives with two or more syllables, add: 'the' + 'most'	<b>ex-pen-sive</b> "This book is <u>the most expensive</u> book in the store."
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## Irregular Superlative Adjectives

*good* – the best

*bad* – the worst

*far* – the farthest  
the furthest

Adjectives with two syllables that end in '-y', change '-y' to 'i' and add: 'the' + '-est' (or '-st')	<b>hap-py</b> "John is <u>the happiest</u> person I know."
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Adjectives that end in a single vowel and consonant: double the final letter before adding 'the' + '-est' (or '-st')	<b>big</b> "Brazil is <u>the biggest</u> country in South America."
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● Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences. Study the boxes above.

- I (tall) am the tallest person in my family.
- Jupiter (big) \_\_\_\_\_ planet in our solar system.
- Elephants (large) \_\_\_\_\_ land animals on earth.
- We bought (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_ TV in the store.
- Which sports do you think (dangerous) \_\_\_\_\_?
- My cat (lazy) \_\_\_\_\_ animal I know.
- This restaurant serves (good) \_\_\_\_\_ food in town.
- I think math (difficult) \_\_\_\_\_ subject.
- What (long) \_\_\_\_\_ word in English that you know?
- He (strange) \_\_\_\_\_ man in the story.
- Last week, I had (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ time of my life!
- Which place (hot) \_\_\_\_\_ place on earth?
- I think it (funny) \_\_\_\_\_ show on television.
- My friend (interesting) \_\_\_\_\_ person I know.
- Who (famous) \_\_\_\_\_ person in your country?



# GRAMMAR BOX: IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES

## ADJECTIVE

old



Ted is 16 years old.

## COMPARATIVE

elder



Noah is the elder of the two.

## SUPERLATIVE

the eldest



Mark is the eldest of the three.

bad



Overeat can become a bad habit.

worse



This job is worse than my old job.

the worst



It's the worst report I've ever read.

good



Dad is not a good driver!

better



Vegetables are better for you.

the best



They are the best students.

little



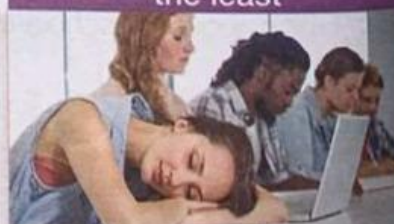
Thomas is my little brother.

less



You could eat less sugar.

the least



This is the least interesting class.

much



We don't have much time!

more



Anne's read more books than me.

the most



Painting is what we like the most.