

2 GRAMMAR superlatives (+ ever + present perfect)

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Tokyo

Stockholm

Rome

Budapest

Vienna

Dubrovnik

New York

TripAdvisor World Cities Survey is based on responses from over 54,000 travellers' reviews for cities around the world. The survey looked at different categories, from how clean the cities were to how friendly the taxi drivers were.

OVERALL WINNER ¹ _____
It came first in five of the categories, with the **cleanest** streets and the **best** public transport.


OTHER CATEGORY WINNERS:

The easiest to get around	2
The best value for money	3
The friendliest taxi drivers	4
The most exciting nightlife	5
The most family-friendly	6
The best attractions	7

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- 1 Tokyo is **the cleanest** capital city in the world.  5.12
Spain is one of **the most popular** holiday destinations.
Camping is **the least expensive** way to go on holiday.
- 2 It's **the most beautiful** city I've ever been to.
It's **the best** film I've seen this year.

- 1 We use *the* + superlative adjectives to say which is the biggest, etc. in a group.
- After superlatives we use *in* + names of places or singular words for groups of people, e.g.
*It's **the noisiest** city **in** the world. Ann's **the oldest** **in** the class.*
 - We can also use *the least* + adjective, e.g. *the least expensive* OR *the cheapest*.

- 2 We often use *the* + superlative with the present perfect + *ever*.

adjective	comparative	superlative
cold	colder	the coldest
thin	thinner	the thinnest
healthy	healthier	the healthiest
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
far	further	the furthest (also the farthest)

b Write sentences with a superlative + *ever* + the present perfect.

It / good film / I / see

It's the best film I've ever seen.

- 1 It / windy place / I / be to
- 2 She / unfriendly person / I / meet
- 3 It / easy exam / we / do
- 4 They / expensive trousers / I / buy
- 5 This / long book / I / read
- 6 He / attractive man / I / see
- 7 It / bad meal / I / eat
- 8 He / interesting teacher / we / have
- 9 It / exciting job / I / do

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a Complete the sentences with a superlative.

Is Shanghai the biggest city in the world? (big)

- 1 The Polish are _____ people I've ever met. (generous)
- 2 Yesterday was _____ day of the year. (hot)
- 3 Early morning is _____ time to drive in the city centre. (bad)
- 4 She's _____ girl at school. (friendly)
- 5 This is _____ part of the exam. (important)
- 6 _____ time to visit New England is autumn. (good)
- 7 Delhi in India is one of _____ cities in the world. (polluted)
- 8 _____ I've ever flown is to Bali. (far)
- 9 It was _____ film I've ever seen. (funny)
- 10 Rob's daughters are all pretty, but I think Emily is _____.
(pretty)