

Superlatives

I can use superlative adjectives.



- 1 **VOCABULARY** Match the photos with four of the forms of transport below. Check the meaning of the other words.

Transport bus car coach motorbike plane ship taxi train tram underground

- 2 **2.34** Read and listen to the dialogue. How do they decide to travel from Scotland to London?

Martha We're going to London this weekend. How shall we get there? Train, coach, or plane?

Dan Well, the plane is certainly the quickest and easiest, but it's also the most expensive.

Martha Yes, the train and coach are cheaper. I think the train is the most convenient and the most comfortable.

Dan Overall, I think the coach is the best. It's certainly the cheapest.

Martha But I hate long coach journeys. I always feel sick. I think the coach is the worst option!

Dan OK, let's go by train. Can you ring and book the tickets?

Martha No, let's book online. You get the best deals there.

- 3 Complete the table with superlative adjectives from the dialogue in exercise 2.

Short adjective	Superlative	Rule
quick	1 _____	+ -est
large	the largest	+ -st
easy	2 _____	-y → -iest
hot	the hottest	double consonant + -est
Long adjective	Superlative	Rule
convenient	3 _____	the most + adjective
Irregular adjective	Superlative	
good	4 _____	
far	the furthest	
bad	5 _____	

- 4 Study the sentences below and complete the rule in the **Look out!** box with the correct preposition.

- 1 Who's the most intelligent girl in the school?
2 What's the highest mountain in the world?

LOOK OUT!

After a superlative adjective and a noun we often use _____ followed by the name of a place or a group.

- 5 Complete the quiz. Use the superlative form of the adjective in brackets.

- 1 What is _____ (sunny) city in the USA?
- 2 What is _____ (hot) city in Europe?
- 3 What is _____ (far) capital city from the equator?
- 4 What is _____ (large) city in Asia?
- 5 What is _____ (wet) city in Europe?
- 6 What is _____ (expensive) city in the world?

- 6 **SPEAKING** **2.35** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in the quiz in exercise 5. Use the cities below. Then listen and check your answers.

Athens Bergen Las Vegas Reykjavik
Shanghai Singapore

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- 7 Compare the different ways of travelling in cities. Give your opinions. Make sentences using comparative and superlative adjectives.

- 1 quick – buses / walking / bicycles
Bicycles are quicker than walking, but buses are the quickest.
- 2 convenient – trams / buses / taxis
- 3 slow – the underground / buses / motorbikes
- 4 expensive – taxis / buses / trams
- 5 dirty – motorbikes / bicycles / cars
- 6 cheap – bicycles / walking / buses

- 8 Write the questions with superlative adjectives.

- 1 who / talented / singer in the world?
Who's the most talented singer in the world?
- 2 who / funny / comedian on TV?
- 3 what / scary / form of transport?
- 4 who / good-looking actor in the world?
- 5 what / good / way to travel to the UK?
- 6 what / good / way to get round in your town or city?

- 9 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 8.

In your opinion, who's the most talented singer in the world?

Adele. Do you agree?

Yes, I do. / No, I think Taylor Swift is more talented.

5B Comparatives

1 Write the comparative forms of these adjectives.

➔ 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

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| 1 early | 5 wet | 9 large |
| 2 quick | 6 popular | 10 exciting |
| 3 excited | 7 kind | 11 polluted |
| 4 sunny | 8 expensive | 12 warm |

2 Complete the facts with the comparative form of the correct adjective from each pair. ➔ 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

- Vegetables are _____ for your health than cakes. (good / bad)
- The Pacific Ocean is _____ than the Indian Ocean. (big / small)
- Dolphins are usually _____ than sharks. (friendly / unfriendly)
- The Pyramids in Egypt are _____ than the Eiffel Tower in Paris. (old / modern)
- Daniel Radcliffe is _____ than Tom Hanks. (old / young)
- Travelling by plane is _____ than travelling by car. (safe / dangerous)
- From the UK, Singapore is _____ than Berlin. (far / near)
- In Australia, rugby is _____ than football. (popular / unpopular)

3 Look at the information about these two celebrities and write sentences using the comparative form of the adjectives. Remember to include *than*. ➔ 5.1, 5.3, 5.4

	Joey B	Carly J
Age	19	24
Height	1.86 m	1.72 m
Money	\$2.8 million	\$6 million
Number of fans	6 million	5 million
Work (days per year)	320 days	210 days

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| 1 young | 5 hard-working |
| 2 tall | 6 old |
| 3 rich | 7 short |
| 4 popular | |

1 *Joey is younger than Carly.*

4 Write sentences about famous people using the comparative form of these adjectives. Give your own opinions. ➔ 5.1, 5.3, 5.4

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| 1 creative | 5 nice |
| 2 famous | 6 attractive |
| 3 rich | 7 unusual |
| 4 funny | 8 intelligent |

1 *I think Adele is more creative than Taylor Swift.*

5D Superlatives

5 Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjective in brackets. ➔ 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8

- The library is _____ (quiet) room in the school.
- June is often _____ (sunny) month of the year.
- Today is _____ (hot) day of the year.
- Delhi is the _____ (polluted) city in the world.
- The Walking Dead* is _____ (scary) show on TV.
- These are _____ (expensive) trainers in the shop.
- New Zealand is _____ (far) country from the UK.
- Walking is _____ (slow) form of transport.

6 Write your opinions. Use superlative adjectives.

➔ 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8

- talented actor in the world
I think _____ is the most talented actor in the world.
- beautiful actress in the world
- bad singer in my country
- good day of the week
- easy subject at school

7 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Take turns to read your sentences from exercise 6. Say if you agree or disagree.

➔ 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8

*I think Matt Damon is the most talented actor in the world.
I agree. / I disagree. I think Robert Pattinson is the most talented.*

8 Use the table to make true sentences. ➔ 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8

1 Mercury	is the	big	city in Germany.
2 Everest	are the	dangerous	mountain in the world.
3 Platinum		high	metal in the world.
4 Berlin		expensive	river in the world.
5 The Amazon		near	planet to the Sun.
6 Mosquitoes		wide	animals in the world.

1 *Mercury is the nearest planet to the Sun.*

9 Write the words in the correct order to make questions.

➔ 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8

- the / in the world? / football club / What's / best
- comedian / the / most / Who's / in the world? / famous
- the / What's / programme / on TV? / funniest
- the / Who's / in America? / actor / best-looking
- the / pop group / worst / in the world? / What's
- sport / in the world? / the / What's / exciting / most

10 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 9. ➔ 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8*What's the best football club in the world?*