

Unit 3 The Superlatives

Superlative adjectives

Complete the table with the superlative form of the adjectives

Adjective	Superlative form
bad	
beautiful	
big	
dangerous	
difficult	
fast	
friendly	
good	
intelligent	
loud	
popular	
slow	
small	
strange	
ugly	

Remember

- Short adjectives + *est*: *tall* - *tallest*
- Short adjectives ending in one consonant double last letter + *est*: *hot* - *hottest*
- Long adjectives (more than 2 syllables) = *most* + adjective: *most amazing*
- Be careful of irregular adjectives e.g. good.

Complete using the correct form of the adjective in brackets.

ROSIE: Wow! This is a very difficult quiz.

SARA: Yes, but I really want to win.

ROSIE: Okay let's look at the next question. What's the (1) _____ (big) animal in the world?

SARA: The elephant.

ROSIE: No, it isn't. I think it's the blue whale.

SARA: Yes, you're right. And the (2) _____ (fast) animal is the cheetah.

ROSIE: Question 3. Is the Indian cobra the (3) _____ (dangerous) animal in the world?

SARA: No, it isn't. Mosquitoes are because their bite can give you malaria.

ROSIE: What about this question? What is the (4) _____ (tall) animal? **SARA** Oh! That's easy, the giraffe.

ROSIE: Of course.

SARA: Okay, here's the last question. What is the (5) _____ (loud) animal?

ROSIE: Wow! That's the (6) _____ (difficult) question. I don't know the answer to it.



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Write sentences about the animals from the box using the prompts.

tortoise // blue whale // cheetah mosquito // cat
hippo // dolphin

e.g. tortoise / small

The tortoise is the smallest.

1 blue whale / big

2 cheetah / fast

3 mosquito / dangerous

4 cat / friendly

5 hippo / ugly

6 dolphin / intelligent

7 parrot / loud

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Adjectives with one syllable, add: 'the' + '-est' (or '-st')	cold "January is often <i>the coldest</i> winter month."	Adjectives with two or more syllables, add: 'the' + 'most'	ex-pen-sive "This book is <i>the most expensive</i> book in the store."
Adjectives with two syllables that end in '-y', change '-y' to 'i' and add: 'the' + '-est' (or '-st')	hap-py "John is <i>the happiest</i> person I know."	Adjectives that end in a single vowel and consonant: double the final letter before adding 'the' + '-est' (or '-st')	big "Brazil is <i>the biggest</i> country in South America."

Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences. Study the boxes above.

- I (tall)_____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?