

OLDER, ELDER, OLDEST & ELDEST

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[ˈəʊldə; ˈəʊldɪst]

This comparative and superlative forms refer to the age of a person or thing in general:



- Colchester is supposed to be the **oldest** town in Britain.
- Peter is a bit **older** than John, but my sister Sue is the **oldest**.

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ELDER, ELDEST

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These comparative and superlative adjectives and nouns refer to the age of people in the same family:

- Maureen's **elder** sister is a doctor in a London hospital.
- My **elder** sister will arrive today.
- I know they are siblings, but who is the **eldest**?



Elders may refer to old people in general:

- People should respect their **elders**.

5. Choose the correct item to complete the sentences.

1. Ann's _____ sister lived in Great Britain last year.
2. Whose grandmother is _____ - yours or Ivan's?
3. Victoria is the _____ student in our class.
4. Is Peter your _____ or younger brother?
5. My uncle is the _____ member of the family.
6. My cousin is two years _____ than me.