

Grammar: Superlatives – “Who’s the ...est?”

tall short young old
serious loud funny
cool shy

Useful language

the woman with the
dark/red/ straight

/curly hair

the man with the dark
hair/no beard



1. Who is the tallest man? The man with the short hair is the tallest.
2. .
3. .
4. .
5. .
6. .
7. .
8. .

superlative adjectives	Adjective	Superlative
One-syllable adjective	<i>old</i>	add -est the oldest
One syllable ending in -e	<i>nice</i>	add -st the nicest
One-syllable adjective ending in a consonant vowel consonant	<i>hot</i>	double last consonant and add -est the hottest
Two syllables ending in -y	<i>happy</i>	remove the -y and add -iest happiest
Two or more syllables	<i>boring</i>	the most + adjective the most boring
Common exceptions	<i>good</i> <i>bad</i> <i>far</i>	<i>the best</i> <i>the worst</i> <i>the furthest</i>

Adjective	Superlative	Adjective	Superlative
afraid		interesting	
bad		large	
big		late	
boring		narrow	
brave		nervous	
busy		nice	
carefully		messy	
cheap		old	

Grammar: Superlatives “Who has the ...est?”

Put the adjectives in parentheses in the superlative form.

Which of your friends or family members has ...

- 1 the _____ eyes? (beautiful)
- 2 the _____ beard? (big)
- 3 the _____ makeup? (cool)
- 4 the _____ hair? (curly)
- 5 the _____ hair? (dark)
- 6 the _____ smile? (friendly)
- 7 the _____ clothes? (good)
- 8 the _____ jewelry? (interesting)

