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## Superlatives

- Describing People, Places, and Things
- Shopping in a Department Store
- Expressing Opinions

### VOCABULARY PREVIEW



- energetic
- funny
- generous
- helpful
- honest

- lazy
- mean
- nice
- noisy
- obnoxious

- patient
- popular
- rude
- sloppy
- stubborn



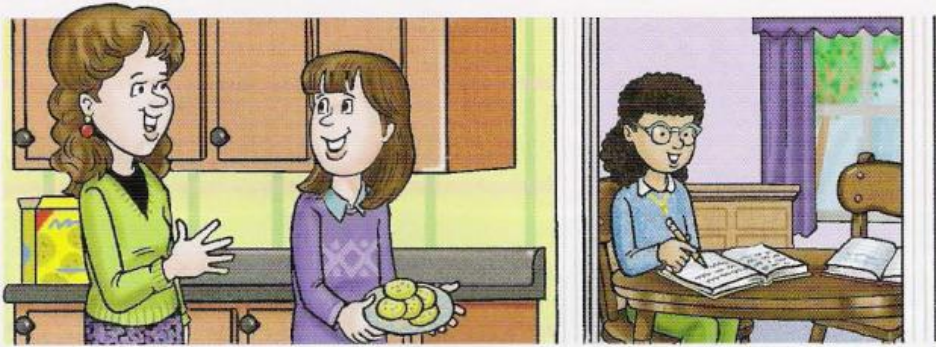
# The Smartest Person I Know

smart – the smartest  
kind – the kindest

nice – the nicest  
safe – the safest

funny – the funniest  
pretty – the prettiest

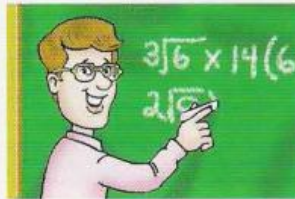
big – the biggest  
hot – the hottest



- A. I think your friend Margaret is very **smart**.  
B. She certainly is. She's **the smartest** person I know.



1. *your Aunt Emma*  
*kind*



2. *your friend Jim*  
*bright*



3. *your parents*  
*nice*



4. *your Uncle Ted*  
*funny*



5. *your sister*  
*pretty*



6. *your cousin Amy*  
*friendly*



7. *Larry*  
*lazy*



8. *your landlord*  
*mean*



9. *your roommates*  
*sloppy*



# The Most Energetic Person I Know

smart – the smartest  
 funny – the funniest  
 nice – the nicest  
 big – the biggest

energetic – the most energetic  
 interesting – the most interesting  
 patient – the most patient  
 stubborn – the most stubborn



- A. I think your grandmother is very **energetic**.  
 B. She certainly is. She's **the most energetic** person I know.



1. *your friend Carlos*  
*interesting*



2. *your grandfather*  
*generous*



3. *your cousins*  
*talented*



4. *our English teacher*  
*patient*



5. *your nephew Andrew*  
*stubborn*



6. *your younger brother*  
*polite*



7. *your older sister*  
*bright*



8. *your upstairs neighbor*  
*noisy*



9. *your downstairs neighbor*  
*rude*



10. *Senator Smith*  
*honest*



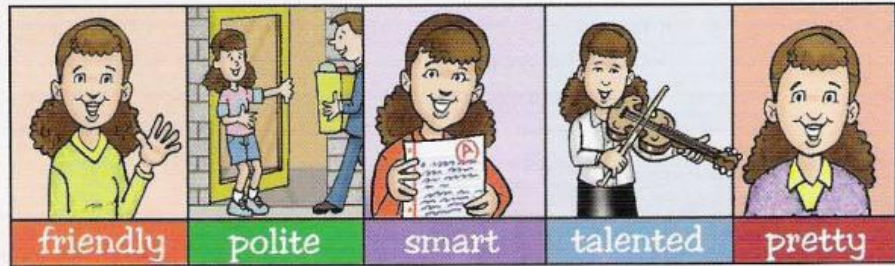
11. *our history professor*  
*boring*



12.



THE NICEST PERSON

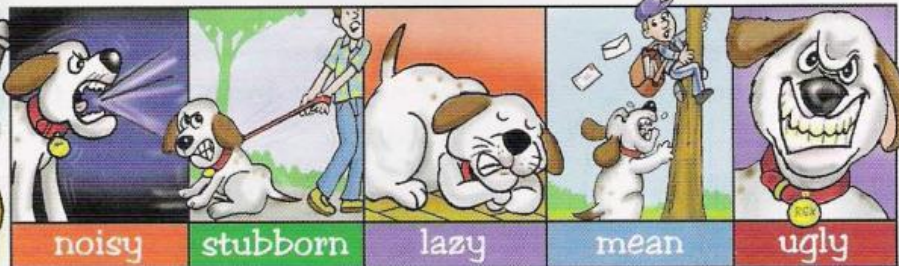
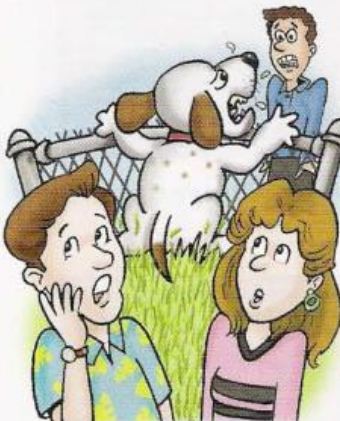


Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are very proud of their daughter, Linda. She's a very nice person. She's friendly, she's polite, she's smart, and she's talented. She's also very pretty.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson's friends and neighbors always compliment them about Linda. They say she's the nicest person they know. According to them, she's the friendliest, the most polite, the smartest, and the most talented girl in the neighborhood. They also think she's the prettiest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson agree. They think Linda is a wonderful girl, and they're proud to say she's their daughter.

THE MOST OBNOXIOUS DOG



Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are very embarrassed by their dog, Rex. He's a very obnoxious dog. He's noisy, he's stubborn, he's lazy, and he's mean. He's also very ugly.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard's friends and neighbors always complain about Rex. They say he's the most obnoxious dog they know. According to them, he's the noisiest, the most stubborn, the laziest, and the meanest dog in the neighborhood. They also think he's the ugliest.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard agree. They think Rex is a horrible dog, and they're ashamed to say he's theirs.



## ✓ READING CHECK-UP

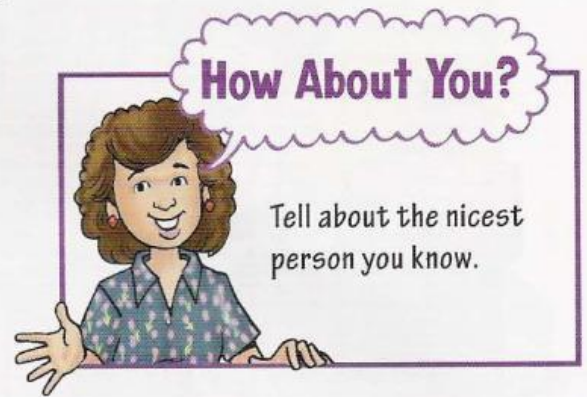
### CHOOSE

- Linda is the ( most polite smart ) person I know.
- She's the most ( talented friendliest ) girl in the neighborhood.
- She's a very ( nicest nice ) person.
- Rex is the most ( stubborn mean ) dog in the neighborhood.
- He's the ( lazy noisiest ) dog I know.
- He's also the most ( ugliest obnoxious ) dog in town.

### Q & A

The neighbors are talking. Using these models, create dialogs based on the stories.

- A. You know . . . I think Linda is very *nice*.  
 B. I agree. She's the *nicest* girl in the neighborhood.
- A. You know . . . I think Rex is very *obnoxious*.  
 B. You're right. He's the *most obnoxious* dog in the neighborhood.



## How to Say It!

### Expressing an Opinion

- A. { In my opinion, . . .  
 As far as I'm concerned, . . .  
 If you ask me, . . . } *Linda is the most talented student in our school.*
- B. I agree. / I disagree.

Practice conversations with other students. Share opinions.



## LISTENING

Listen to the sentence. Is the person saying something good or something bad about someone else?

- |                        |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a. good      b. bad | 4. a. good      b. bad | 7. a. good      b. bad |
| 2. a. good      b. bad | 5. a. good      b. bad | 8. a. good      b. bad |
| 3. a. good      b. bad | 6. a. good      b. bad | 9. a. good      b. bad |

## PRONUNCIATION *Linking Words with Duplicated Consonants*

Listen. Then say it.

She's the nicest teacher in our school.

He's the most stubborn neighbor on our street.

They're the most talented dancers in the world.

Say it. Then listen.

He's the most generous student in our class.

This is the cheapest toothpaste in the store.

He's the most polite taxi driver in the city.

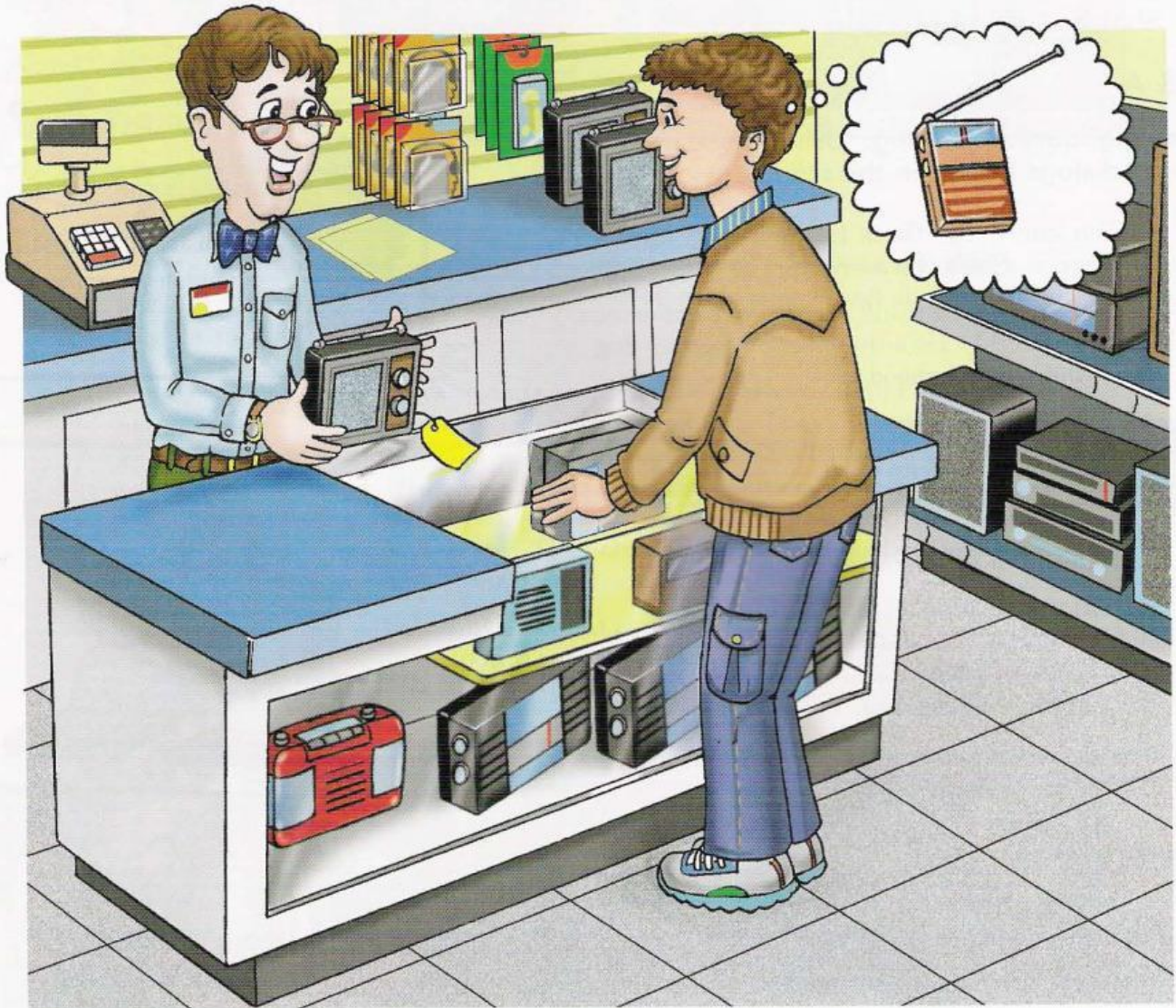


# I Want to Buy a Small Radio

a small radio  
a smaller radio  
the smallest radio

a comfortable chair  
a more comfortable chair  
the most comfortable chair

a good car  
a better car  
the best car



- A. May I help you?
- B. Yes, please. I want to buy a **small** radio.
- A. I think you'll like this one. It's **VERY small**.
- B. Don't you have a **smaller** one?
- A. No, I'm afraid not. This is **the smallest** one we have.
- B. Thank you anyway.
- A. Sorry we can't help you. Please come again.



A. May I help you?

B. Yes, please. I want to buy a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

A. I think you'll like this one. It's VERY \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Don't you have a/an { \_\_\_\_\_er }  
more \_\_\_\_\_ one?

A. No, I'm afraid not. This is the { \_\_\_\_\_est }  
most \_\_\_\_\_ one we have.

B. Thank you anyway.

A. Sorry we can't help you. Please come again.



1. large TV



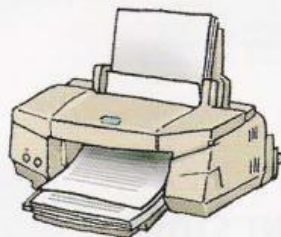
2. comfortable rocking chair



3. good CD player



4. cheap watch



5. fast printer



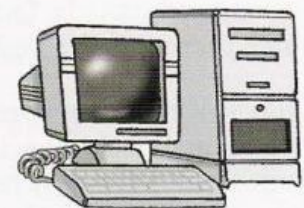
6. elegant evening gown



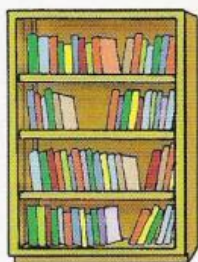
7. small cell phone



8. lightweight video camera



9. powerful computer



10. tall bookcase



11. short novel



12.



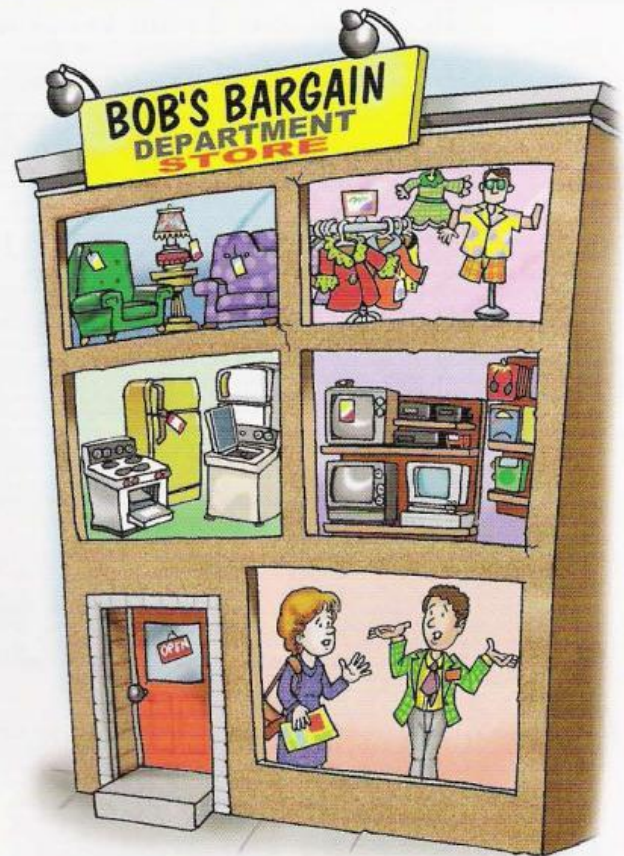
## READING

### BOB'S BARGAIN DEPARTMENT STORE

Bob's Bargain Department Store is the cheapest store in town. However, even though it's the cheapest, it isn't the most popular. People don't shop there very often because the products are bad.\* In fact, some people say the products there are the worst in town.

The furniture isn't very comfortable, the clothes aren't very fashionable, the appliances aren't very dependable, and the home entertainment products aren't very good. Besides that, the location isn't very convenient, and the salespeople aren't very helpful.

That's why people don't shop at Bob's Bargain Department Store very often, even though it's the cheapest store in town.

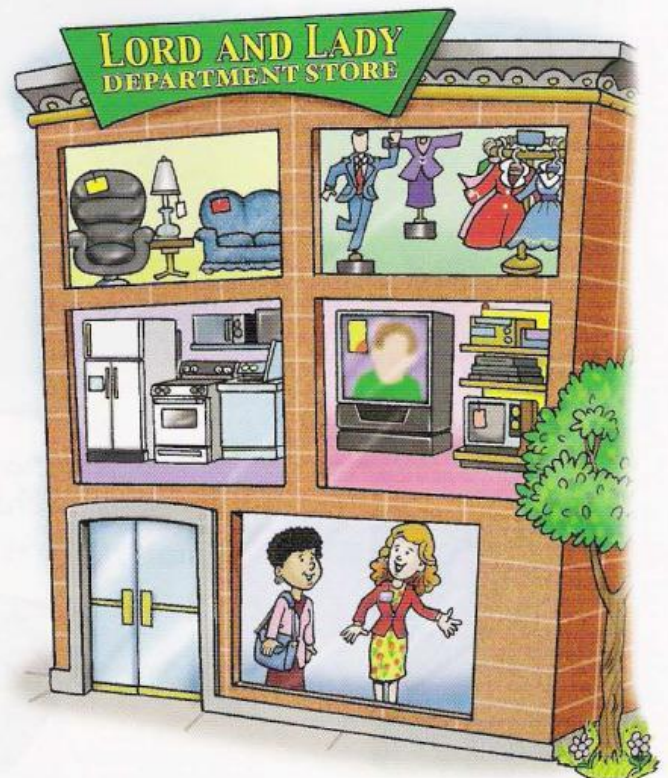


### THE LORD AND LADY DEPARTMENT STORE

The Lord and Lady Department Store sells very good products. In fact, some people say the products there are the best in town.

They sell the most comfortable furniture, the most fashionable clothes, the most dependable appliances, and the best home entertainment products. And besides that, their location is the most convenient, and their salespeople are the most helpful in town.

However, even though the Lord and Lady Department Store is the best store in town, people don't shop there very often because it's also the most expensive.



\* bad – worse – worst

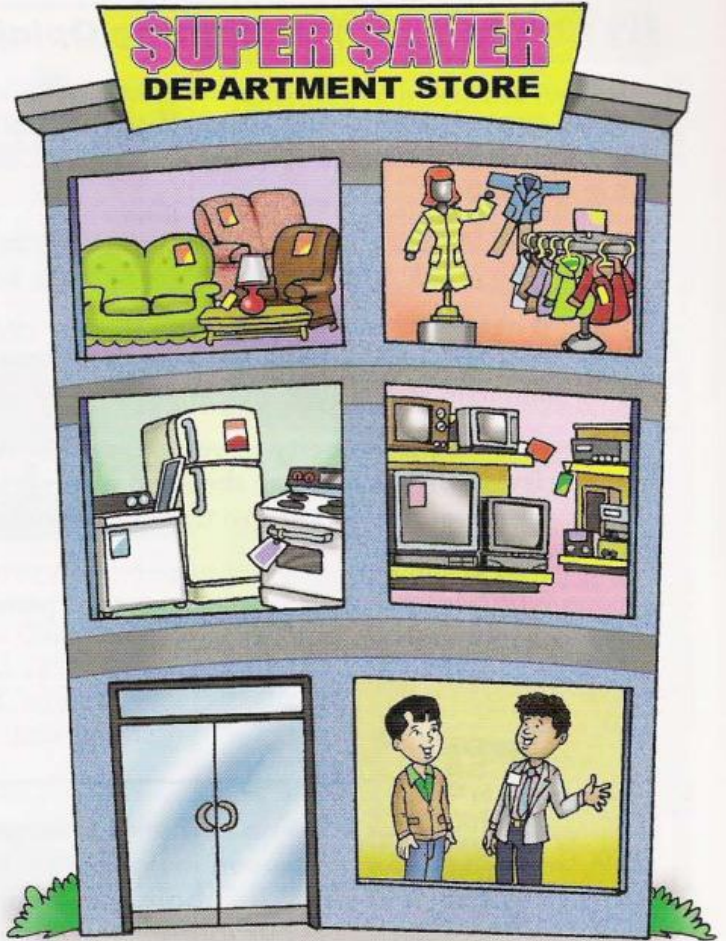


## THE SUPER SAVER DEPARTMENT STORE

The Super Saver Department Store is the most popular store in town. It isn't the cheapest, and it isn't the most expensive. It doesn't have the best products, and it doesn't have the worst.

The furniture isn't the most comfortable you can buy, but it's more comfortable than the furniture at many other stores. The clothes aren't the most fashionable you can buy, but they're more fashionable than the clothes at many other stores. The appliances aren't the most dependable you can buy, but they're more dependable than the appliances at many other stores. The home entertainment products aren't the best you can buy, but they're better than the home entertainment products at many other stores. In addition, the location is convenient, and the salespeople are helpful.

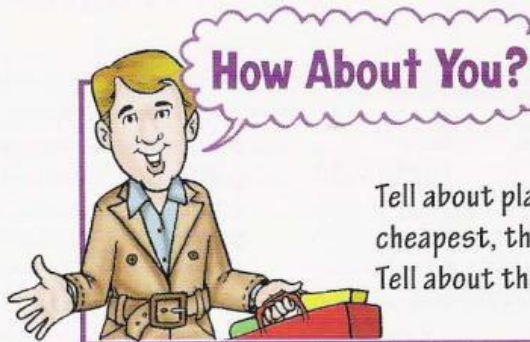
You can see why the Super Saver Department Store is the most popular store in town. The prices are reasonable, and the products are good. That's why people like to shop there.



### ✓ READING CHECK-UP

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Bob's Bargain Department Store is the most popular store in town.
2. The salespeople at Lord and Lady are more helpful than the salespeople at Super Saver.
3. The location of Lord and Lady isn't as convenient as the location of Bob's.
4. The Super Saver Department Store has the best prices in town.
5. The home entertainment products at Super Saver are better than the home entertainment products at Bob's.
6. People in this town say the cheapest department store is the best.



Tell about places to shop where you live: the cheapest, the most expensive, the most popular. Tell about the products they sell.

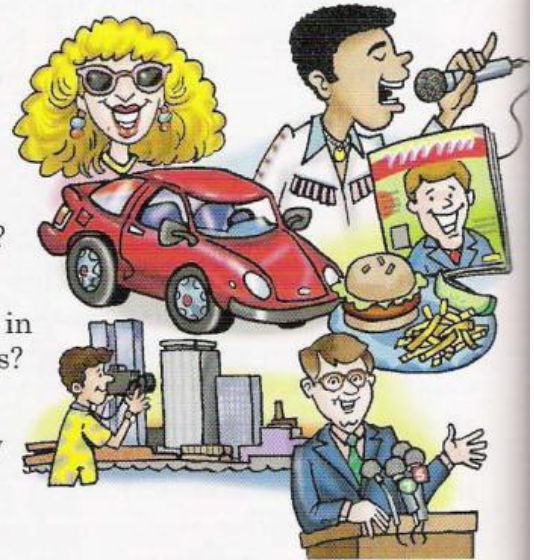


## INTERACTIONS *Sharing Opinions*

Practice conversations with other students. Share opinions, and give reasons for your opinions.

In your opinion, . . .

1. Who is the most popular actor/actress in your country? Who is the most popular TV star? the best singer?
2. What is the most popular car in your country? the most popular sport? the best newspaper? the most popular magazine? the best TV program? the most popular food?
3. What is the best city in your country? What is the worst city? Why? What are the most interesting tourist sights in your country? What are the most popular vacation places?
4. Who is the most important person in your country now? Why? Who was the most important person in the history of your country? Why?



Who is the most important person in your life? Why? Write about this person in your journal.



## CHAPTER SUMMARY

### GRAMMAR

#### SUPERLATIVES

He's	the smartest the nicest the biggest the busiest	person I know.
	the most talented the most interesting	

### KEY VOCABULARY

#### DESCRIBING

bad—worse—worst	elegant	good—better—best	lazy	patient	sloppy
boring	energetic	helpful	lightweight	polite	small
bright	fashionable	honest	long	popular	smart
cheap	fast	horrible	mean	powerful	stubborn
comfortable	friendly	interesting	nice	pretty	talented
convenient	funny	kind	noisy	rude	ugly
dependable	generous	large	obnoxious	short	wonderful



## BUILD YOUR VOCABULARY!

### Adjectives with Negative Prefixes

They're \_\_\_\_\_ .



■ uncomfortable



■ unfriendly



■ unhealthy



■ unsafe



■ impatient



■ impolite



■ inexpensive



■ dishonest

## Did You Know?

The longest car in the world is 100 feet long. It has 26 wheels, a swimming pool, and a waterbed!



The world's biggest costume party is the Carnival celebration in Brazil. Every day during Carnival, more than 50,000 people walk through the streets in costumes.

The largest subway station in the world is Grand Central Terminal in New York City. Every day more than half a million people pass through the station.



The biggest igloo in the world is the Ice Hotel in Sweden. It has rooms for 150 guests. Every year workers have to rebuild the hotel because it melts in the spring!

## FACT FILE

### World Geography Facts

- The longest river in the world is the Nile. It is 4,180 miles (6,690 kilometers) long.
- The largest ocean in the world is the Pacific Ocean. It is 64,000 square miles (165,760,000 square kilometers).
- The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest. It is 29,028 feet (8,848 meters) high.
- The biggest desert in the world is the Sahara. It is 3,500,270 square miles (9,065,000 square kilometers).



## AROUND THE WORLD

### Recreation and Entertainment



The most popular type of outdoor recreation in France is camping. Every night 3 million people in France sleep outside.



Movies are the most popular type of entertainment in India. Every day 15 million people in India go to the movies.



The most popular sport in the world is football. This game is called "soccer" in the United States. More than 100,000,000 people play football in over 150 countries.

What are the most popular types of recreation and entertainment in different countries you know?

### Global Exchange

IvanaG: I'm going on vacation with my family tomorrow. We're going to the most popular beach in our country. We'll stay there for a week in a small hotel. It isn't the best hotel there, but it's the friendliest and the closest to the beach. We go there every year. It's a lot of fun! The water is clear, and the air is fresh. My sister and my brother and I swim all day, and we go to an amusement park in the evening. I think it has the largest roller-coaster in the world! So I'll write again when I get back and tell you all about our vacation.

P.S. Do you have a favorite vacation place? Where is it? When do you go there? What do you do?

Send a message to a keypal. Tell about a favorite vacation place in your country.

### LISTENING



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### What Are They Saying?

