

2- Superlative Adjectives:

Learning Objective: By the end of this course, learners will be able to identify, form, and use superlative adjectives effectively in speaking and writing.

1. **Superlative adjectives** are used to compare three or more people, places, things, or ideas. They show the highest or lowest degree of a quality.

- Example: *Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world.*
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- They are often preceded by the definite article "**the**".
 - Example: *This is the best cake I've ever eaten.*

2. How to Form Superlative Adjectives

1. For Short Adjectives (One or Two Syllables):

- Add **-est** to the adjective.
- Examples:
 - *small* → *smallest*
 - *fast* → *fastest*
 - *tall* → *tallest*

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2-For Long Adjectives (Three or More Syllables):

- Use **the most** before the adjective.
- Examples:
 - *beautiful* → *the most beautiful*
 - *important* → *the most important*
 - *interesting* → *the most interesting*

3. For Adjectives Ending in -y:

- Change **-y** to **-i** and add **-est**.
- Examples:
 - *happy* → *the happiest*
 - *busy* → *the busiest*

4. For Adjectives Ending in a Consonant + Vowel + Consonant:

- Double the final consonant and add **-est**.
- Examples:
 - *big* → *the biggest*
 - *hot* → *the hottest*

5. Irregular Adjectives:

- Some adjectives form their superlative in irregular ways.
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- Examples:
 - *good* → *the best*

- *bad* → *the worst*
- *far* → *the farthest/the furthest*

****Using Superlative Adjectives**

1. **To Compare Three or More Nouns:**

- **the + superlative adjective + [noun]**

○ Examples:

- *This is **the tallest building** in the city.*
- *She is **the most talented** singer in the group.*
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2. **Superlative with Negative Comparisons:**

Use "the least" for the lowest degree.

▪ Examples:

- *This is **the least expensive** item in the store.*
- *He is **the least experienced** player on the team.*

****Common Errors to Avoid**

1. **Double Superlatives:**

- Incorrect: *This is the most tallest tree.*
- Correct: *This is the tallest tree.*

2. **Omitting "The":**

- Incorrect: *She is fastest runner.*
- Correct: *She is **the** fastest runner.*

****Examples of Superlative Adjectives in Sentences**

Adjective	Superlative	Example
small	the smallest	<i>This is the smallest box on the shelf.</i>
happy	the happiest	<i>She is the happiest person I know.</i>
expensive	the most expensive	<i>This is the most expensive car in the lot.</i>
bad	the worst	<i>That was the worst movie I've ever seen.</i>
good	the best	<i>He is the best player in the team.</i>

Comparison of Positive, Comparative, and Superlative

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>positive</u>	<u>comparative</u>	<u>Superlative</u>
small	small	smaller	the smallest
happy	happy	happier	the happiest
expensive	expensive	more expensive	the most expensive
good	good	better	the best
bad	bad	worse	the worst

****Practice Activities**

Activity 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the superlative adjective:

1. Mount Everest is _____ (tall) mountain in the world.
2. That was _____ (bad) day of my life.
3. This is _____ (beautiful) dress in the store.

Activity 2: Write Your Own Sentences

-Write three sentences using superlative adjectives to describe:

1. A person you admire.
2. A place you've visited.
3. Your favorite possession.

Activity 3: Identify the Superlative

Underline the superlative adjective in the sentences:

1. This is the oldest building in our town.
2. She is the most talented artist in her school.
3. That was the least enjoyable trip I've taken.

Activity 4: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the correct superlative form:

1. This is (beautiful) beach I've ever seen.
2. He is(intelligent) student in the class.
3. That was (bad) meal I've ever eaten.

Activity 5: Rearrange the Sentence

Put the words in the correct order:

1. **The / book / this / interesting / most / is.**
 - o Answer: *This is the most interesting book.*
2. **She / runner / the / school / fastest / is / in.**
 - o Answer: *She is the fastest runner in the school.*

Activity 6: Create Your Own Sentences

Write a sentence using:

1. The most beautiful.
2. The worst.

3. The happiest.

Test Your Knowledge

1. Choose the correct superlative adjective:
 - *This is(cheap) restaurant in the area.*
 - A) cheaper
 - B) the cheapest
 - C) the most cheap
2. Fix the error:
 - *She is the more talented singer in the choir.*
 - Correct:
3. Fill in the blank:
 - *That movie was (good) I've seen all year.*

. Homework Ideas

2. Write five sentences comparing items or people using superlative adjectives.
3. Describe your favorite vacation or holiday using at least three superlative adjectives.
4. Watch a short video or read a story and list all the superlative adjectives you hear or read.