COMPARISONS - THE SUPERLATIVE

RULES OF FORMATION

To form the superlative of an adjective we have to follow these rules:

ONE SYLLABLE ADJECTIVES:

We add -est to the adjective. Ex:She's the **shortest** girl here. **TWO SYLLABLE ADJECTIVES:**

We also add -est when the adjective has two syllables and ends in:

er- clever → cleverest

- -y pretty → prettiest
- -le gentle → gentlest
- -ow slow → slowest

For the rest of two syllable adjectives and adjectives of more than two syllables, we use most before the adjective:
It is the most boring film I've

It is the **most boring** film I've <mark>ever seen.</mark>

She's the **most beautiful** girl at school.

IRREGULAR SUPERLATIVES:

Good **→ BEST**

Bad → WORST

Far → FARTHEST / FURTHEST

We can use oldest or eldest when we are talking about people in a family. My oldest / eldest sister is 25. We use "the" before a superlative.

After superlatives we use:

IN / AT → for places, organisations and groups.

What is the highest mountain in the world?

She's the laziest girl in the class.

OF → for a period o time

Yesterday was the coldest day of the vear.

We often use the Present Perfect after a superlative:

He's the tallest men I've ever seen. Sometimes we use most + adjective to mean "very":

The book was most interesting.

SPELLING RULES FOR THE -ER SUFFIX:

SPELLING RULES

The general rule is to add -est to the adjective in the positive form, but there are some rules we have to follow:

- 1- When the adjective ends in -e we only add "st":
- Ex: nice → nicest
- 2- With one syllable adjectives ending in only one consonant and preceded the final consonant by only one vowel, we double the final consonant: thin **† thinnest**

hot → hottest

3- Those adjectives ending in -y preceded by a consonant change "y" into "i" and then add the -er suffix:

easy **→ easiest**

heavy **→ heaviest**



















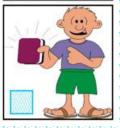


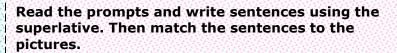












- 1. London / large city/ England
- 2. The Alps / high mountains / Europe
- 3. Bill / tall boy / the athletes
- 4. Scary Movie / bad film / I ever see
- 5. The book/ exciting / I ever read
- 6. David / strong boy / I know
- 7. Venice / beautiful city / I ever visit
- 8. This house / cheap / town
- **9.** Peter / handsome boy / I ever meet
- **10.**They eat/ expensive restaurant / town
- 11.31st July / hot day / the year
- 12. She / beautiful girl / the world
- 13. Sheila / talkative girl / my class
- 14. Yesterday / sad day / her life
- 15.Tim / lazy boy/ I know

