

SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

A2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Choose one thing from a group and explain why.

1. READ: Choosing a birthday restaurant

Read the conversation. Notice the bold superlative forms.

Leo: Which of these three restaurants shall we choose, Ana?

Ana: The Garden is **the cheapest**, but it closes early.

Leo: The River Cafe has **the best** view.

Ana: Yes, but it's **the busiest** on Saturdays.

Leo: What about Bella's? It's **the closest** to everyone's home.

Ana: Good idea. That makes it **the most convenient** choice. I'll book a table.

2. GRAMMAR: One in a group

Use a superlative to identify an extreme within a group. Usually put the before it.

Pattern	Change	Example
Most short adjectives	the + adjective-est	the smallest
Longer adjectives	the most + adjective	the most comfortable
Irregular adjectives	Learn the form	the best; the worst

Spelling: **nice - nicest; big - biggest; busy - busiest.**

Name the group: **the cheapest hotel in town; the best of these three.**

Use one pattern: **the biggest**, not the most biggest.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct form. The example answer is bold: the **smallest** / most small.

1. the biggest / biggest

2. the busiest / busiest

3. the goodest / best

4. the hottest / hottest

5. the most comfortable / comfortablest

6. the badest / worst

7. the nicest / niceest

8. the cheapest / most cheapest

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: A hotel choice

Write the complete superlative form, including the.

We compared three hotels. The Beach Hotel was (1) _____ (cheap).

The Hill Hotel had (2) _____ (big) rooms.

The City Hotel was (3) _____ (close) to the station.

It also had (4) _____ (good) reviews.

For our early train, it was (5) _____ (convenient) choice.

We booked it, although it was (6) _____ (expensive) of the three.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Correct the superlative form.

Example: the most cheap **the cheapest**

1. This is the most biggest room.

2. That was the goodest meal.

3-4: Write a sentence about the named person or thing. Example: Ana: 18; Ben: 20; Jo: 22 (Ana / young) **Ana is the youngest.**

3. A: £10; B: £15; C: £20 (A / cheap)

4. Eva: 30; Dan: 40; Sam: 50 (Sam / old)

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three opinions about places you know. Use superlatives and name the group or area.

Example: **The park is the quietest place here. That cafe is the best in town. The bus is the cheapest option.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Compare three places to visit. Ask: **Which is the cheapest?**

Which is the most interesting? Which is the easiest to get to?

2. Agree on one place. Explain your choice using two superlatives.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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A. CHOOSE

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| 1. biggest | 2. busiest |
| 3. best | 4. hottest |
| 5. most comfortable | 6. worst |
| 7. nicest | 8. cheapest |

B. COMPLETE: A hotel choice

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| 1. the cheapest | 2. the biggest |
| 3. the closest | 4. the best |
| 5. the most convenient | 6. the most expensive |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. This is the biggest room.
2. That was the best meal.
3. A is the cheapest.
4. Sam is the oldest.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

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Teacher note: C3-4 give a three-item group, so the superlative is clear. Accept answers that explicitly name the group. Discuss opinion-based answers rather than treating them as facts.