

Superlatives (Grammar)

Description: A walk-around exercise to practice forming the superlative of various known adjectives.

Use with or after: *English Network 2 (New Edition)*, Unit 1, Step 3.

Skill: Grammar

Focus: Forming the superlative forms of adjectives, and using them in sentences.

Time: 10 minutes

Preparation:

- Print out the second and third pages of this file (on stiff paper if possible) and cut along the dotted lines. This will give you 16 different prompt cards. If you have more than 16 students in your class, make an extra copy of one of the pages and use some of the prompts twice.
- If you have a smaller class, make a selection of the prompt cards, using more or less equal numbers of shorter adjectives (superlative with *-est*) and longer adjectives (superlative with *most*).

Procedure:

- Write on the board:

*Mount Everest is a very high mountain.
Yes, I think it's the highest mountain in the world.*

- Give them another example orally: *The Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong is a very comfortable hotel.* See if one of the students can say the corresponding second sentence: *Yes, I think it's the most comfortable hotel in the world.* (Insist on the correct pronunciation of /'kʌmfətəbl/.)
- If someone disagrees, they should do so using the correct superlative form, for example: *Yes, but I think the River North Hotel in Chicago is the most comfortable hotel in the world.*
- Give each student one of the prompt cards. Ask them to stand up, walk around and talk to one person at a time. At each encounter, each student should read out the first sentence and check that the other person gives the correct second sentence using the superlative form.
- Take a card yourself and do the exercise with them, so you can be available to help or make corrections.

The Burj-al-Arab Hotel in Dubai is a very luxurious hotel.

Yes, I think it's the most luxurious hotel in the world.

Bill Gates is a very rich man.

Yes, I think he's the richest man in the world.

The opera house in Valencia is very new.

Yes, I think it's the newest opera house in the world.

The Saleen S7 is a very expensive car.

Yes, I think it's the most expensive car in the world.

Moorea is a beautiful island.

Yes, I think it's the most beautiful island in the world.

This restaurant is very bad.

Yes, I think it's the worst restaurant in the world.

Mozart's *Don Giovanni* is a very good opera.

Yes, I think it's the best opera in the world.

The Trans-Siberian is a very long railway.

Yes, I think it's the longest railway in the world.

Vostok Station, Antarctica,
is a very cold place.

Yes, I think it's the coldest
place in the world.

Shanghai is a very large city.

Yes, I think it's the largest city
in the world.

El Azizia, Libya, is a very hot
place.

Yes, I think it's the hottest place
in the world.

The Shinkansen is a very fast
train.

Yes, I think it's the fastest train
in the world.

Taipei 101 is a very tall building.

Yes, I think it's the tallest
building in the world.

Monaco is a very small country.

Yes, I think it's the smallest
country in the world.

Baghdad is a very dangerous
city.

Yes, I think it's the most
dangerous city in the world.

Cleopatra was a very famous
woman.

Yes, I think she was the most
famous woman in the world.