

## TITRE DE LA LEÇON : SUPERLATIVES

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The superlative is the highest degree of comparing an adjective or an adverb. We use it to compare one thing to the rest of the group. There are two main superlatives: the superlative of superiority and the superlative of inferiority.

### 1- The superlative of superiority

#### 1-1-Short adjectives

##### a)-Regular superlatives

...the + adjective + est

fast → the fastest  
clever → the cleverest

Example: Michel is the cleverest pupil of our school.

##### Note:

- Adjectives ending in **y** preceded by a consonant change the **y** into **i** and add **est**:

happy → the happiest  
silly → the silliest

**Exception:** shy → the shyest

**But:** If **y** is preceded by a **vowel**, we add **est**:

Example: coy → the coyest

- Adjectives ending in **e** add only **st**:

Examples: handsome → the handsomest  
brave → the bravest

- Adjectives of one syllable ending in a consonant double the final consonant before adding **est**:

Examples: big → the biggest; sad → the saddest  
fat → the fattest; wet → the wettest  
hot → the hottest; thin → the thinnest

##### b)-Irregular superlatives

Adjectives/adverbs	→ Comparatives	→ Superlatives
Good/well	better	the best
Bad/badly	worse	the worst
Little	less	the least
Many/much	more	the most
Far	farther/further	the farthest/the furthest
Old	older/elder	the oldest/ the eldest

Example: Messi is the best football player in the world.

#### 1-2-Long adjectives

... the most + adjective ...



Example: English is **the most** spoken language in the world.

## 2- The superlative of inferiority

... **the least + adjective** ...

Example: That was **the least** interesting movie I have ever seen.

**Exercise one: Put the adjectives between brackets into the indicated superlatives.**

1-Kilimanjaro is (high) mountain in Africa. **Superlative of superiority.**

2-Mombo Beach is (attractive) place in Owando. **Superlative of superiority.**

3-Paul is (strong) boy in my classroom. **Superlative of superiority.**

4-History is (easy) subject for some students. **Superlative of inferiority.**

5-Nelson MANDELA was (famous) president in Africa. **Superlative of superiority.**

**Exercise two: The sentences below contain one mistake each. Find it and suggest a correction:**

1-"Taïchi Master" is the gooder film I have ever seen.

2-Roga Roga is the more famous musician in Congo.

3-A pig is big than a cat.

4-A dog runs fast than a goat.

5-The Congo River is the more important river in Congo.