

Superlative Adjectives—Spelling

Use *the* + a superlative adjective to compare THREE or more people, places, or things. Peter is **tall**. Pierre is **taller**. Daniela is **the tallest**.



	Adjectives	Superlative Adjectives
For one-syllable adjectives:		
• add <i>est</i>	old	the oldest
• add <i>st</i> when the adjective ends in <i>e</i>	late	the latest
• double the final consonant and add <i>est</i> when the adjective ends in CVC (consonant + vowel + consonant) but not when the adjective ends in <i>w</i> .	big	the biggest
	new	the newest
For two-syllable adjectives that end in <i>y</i> , drop the <i>y</i> and add <i>iest</i> .	busy	the busiest
For most adjectives that have two or more syllables and don't end in <i>y</i> , use the words "the most."	famous delicious	the most famous the most delicious



A Listen and write the adjectives that you hear on the lines on the left. After you listen, circle *1 syllable*, *2 syllables ending in Y*, or *2 + syllables (no Y)*. Then, write the superlative forms of the adjectives on the lines on the right.

Superlative Form

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| 1. <i>old</i> | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | <i>the oldest</i> |
| 2. | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | |
| 3. | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | |
| 4. | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | |
| 5. | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | |
| 6. | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | |
| 7. | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | |
| 8. | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | |
| 9. | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | |
| 10. | 1 syllable | 2 syllables ending in Y | 2+ syllables (no Y) | |

B Peter and Daniela, are comparing three TVs. Complete each sentence with the number of a TV and the superlative form of the adjective in parentheses. Then decide which TV they should buy. Talk about your decision with a partner.

Electronics



TV 1
13" screen
\$75
38 pounds



TV 2
20" screen
\$225
74 pounds
Built-in VCR



TV 3
17" flat screen
with DVD/CD
\$295
50 pounds

1. TV 1 is (small) the smallest
2. TV is (big)
3. TV is (wide)
4. TV is (expensive)
5. TV is (cheap)
6. TV is (heavy)
7. TV is (light)
8. TV is (modern)

I think Peter and Daniela should buy TV because

C Peter and Daniela are also comparing three houses. Write sentences below about the houses. Use the superlative forms of adjectives in parentheses. Then decide which house they should buy. Talk about your decision with a partner.

House 1	House 2	House 3
32 years old	10 years old	67 years old
modern	very modern	old-fashioned
\$100,000	\$200,000	\$150,000
needs paint	looks OK	beautiful
has one bedroom	has two bedrooms	has four bedrooms
not very nice	nice	very nice

1. House 3 is the oldest (old)
2. (new)
3. (modern)
4. (nice)
5. (beautiful)
6. (big)
7. (small)
8. (expensive)

I think Peter and Daniela should buy House because