

ADJECTIVES

To the Max!

The **superlative degree** of an adjective is used to compare three or more persons, places, or things. If the adjective is short—one- or two-syllables long—just add *-est* to form the superlative degree. For example:

*Jen is a **great** singer.* (positive degree)

*Kevin is even **greater**.* (comparative degree)

*But Summer is the **greatest** singer ever.* (superlative degree)

If the word ends with *-y*, remember to change the *y* to *i* before adding *-est*.

If the adjective is three or more syllables long, put *most* in front of it. For example:

*The chocolate cake is **delicious*** (positive degree), *but that pecan pie is even **more delicious*** (comparative degree), and *this cherry cheesecake is the **most delicious*** (superlative degree) *dessert ever created!*

DIRECTIONS

On the blank lines write the superlative degrees of the adjectives in boldface. If you're not sure of the spelling, check your dictionary. Is it **-est** at the end or **most** at the beginning?

1. A rose is a **pretty** flower, but I think that the tulips are the _____ flowers in my garden.
2. The Amazon may be a **long** river, but the _____ river in the world is the Nile.
3. I thought my bed at home was **soft** until I fell asleep on the _____ mattress imaginable, at the Sweet Slumber Hotel.
4. Your Doberman pinscher may be big, but he isn't so **ferocious**. My little Chihuahua is the _____ dog who ever barked.
5. Getting the lead role was a **happy** day for me, but getting a standing ovation was definitely the _____ experience of my life.
6. Your little brother is an **intelligent** kid, I agree, but he isn't the _____ human being ever born.
7. Sugar is **sweet**, but the _____ substance on the planet, thaumatin, comes from a plant in Africa called the katemfe fruit.
8. Diving into a bucket of water from a height of 100 feet is an **amazing** stunt, but doing it covered in jelly is the _____ stunt ever.