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.