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.