



Comparatives & Superlatives:

Basic Superlative Formation: -est and Most

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. Mount Everest is ___ mountain in the world.
a) highest
b) higher
c) the most high
d) the highest
2. This is ___ film I have ever seen.
a) the boringest
b) more boring
c) the most boring
d) most boring
3. Russia is ___ country in the world.
a) larger
b) the largest
c) the most large
d) largest
4. A cheetah is ___ than a lion.
a) the fastest
b) the most fast
c) faster
d) fastest
5. This is ___ restaurant in the city.
a) most expensive
b) more expensive
c) the expensivest
d) the most expensive
6. December is ___ month of the year in London.
a) the most cold
b) colder
c) the coldest
d) coldest
7. An elephant is ___ than a horse.
a) heavier
b) heaviest
c) the heaviest
d) the most heavy
8. She is ___ girl in our class.
a) the most tall
b) the tallest
c) taller
d) tallest
9. This is ___ cake I have ever tasted.
a) the most delicious
b) more delicious
c) the deliciousest
d) deliciouser
10. Jupiter is ___ planet in our solar system.
a) bigger
b) the biggest
c) the most big
d) biggest
11. My sister is ___ than my brother.
a) the youngest
b) the most young
c) youngest
d) younger

12. Summer is ___ season in most countries.
a) hottest
b) the most hot
c) hotter
d) the hottest
13. This is ___ question on the test.
a) the most easy
b) easiest
c) the easiest
d) easier
14. Tokyo is one of ___ cities in the world.
a) the most crowded
b) more crowded
c) most crowded
d) the crowdedest
15. Today is ___ day of the year.
a) shortest
b) shorter
c) the most short
d) the shortest
16. My car is ___ than yours.
a) older
b) the most old
c) the oldest
d) oldest
17. The Atacama is ___ desert in the world.
a) driest
b) the most dry
c) the driest
d) drier
18. This is ___ book in the library.
a) thinner
b) the thinnest
c) the most thin
d) thinnest
19. English is one of ___ languages to learn.
a) most popular
b) the most popular
c) the popularest
d) more popular
20. This road is ___ street in the town.
a) the widest
b) widest
c) the most wide
d) wider



Answers

1. d) the highest
2. c) the most boring
3. b) the largest
4. c) faster
5. d) the most expensive
6. c) the coldest
7. a) heavier
8. b) the tallest
9. a) the most delicious
10. b) the biggest
11. d) younger
12. d) the hottest
13. c) the easiest
14. a) the most crowded
15. d) the shortest
16. a) older
17. c) the driest
18. b) the thinnest
19. b) the most popular
20. a) the widest



Explanations

1. “the highest” (d)

'High' is a one-syllable adjective, so we add -est: highest. Superlatives need 'the' before them: the highest.

2. “the most boring” (c)

'Boring' has two syllables and doesn't end in -y, so we use 'most': the most boring. We also need 'the' before the superlative.

3. “the largest” (b)

'Large' is a one-syllable adjective ending in -e, so we just add -st: largest. We need 'the' before it: the largest.

4. “faster” (c)

We are comparing two animals, so we use the comparative form 'faster' (not the superlative). Use superlatives only when comparing three or more things.

5. “the most expensive” (d)

'Expensive' has three syllables, so we use 'most': the most expensive. We need 'the' before the superlative.

6. “the coldest” (c)

'Cold' is a one-syllable adjective, so we add -est: coldest. With superlatives, we use 'the': the coldest.

7. “heavier” (a)

We are comparing two animals, so we need the comparative 'heavier', not the superlative. Use '-er + than' for comparing two things.

8. “the tallest” (b)

'Tall' is a one-syllable adjective, so the superlative is 'tallest'. We use 'the' before it: the tallest.

9. “the most delicious” (a)

'Delicious' has three syllables, so we use 'most' for the superlative: the most delicious.

10. “the biggest” (b)

'Big' follows the CVC pattern (consonant-vowel-consonant), so we double the final consonant and add -est: biggest. We need 'the': the biggest.

11. “younger” (d)

We are comparing two people (sister and brother), so we use the comparative form 'younger', not the superlative.

12. “the hottest” (d)

'Hot' follows the CVC pattern, so we double the final consonant and add -est: hottest. Note the spelling: hot → hottest (double t). We need 'the': the hottest.

13. “the easiest” (c)

'Easy' ends in consonant + y, so we change the y to i and add -est: easiest. We use 'the': the easiest.

14. “the most crowded” (a)

'Crowded' has two syllables and doesn't end in -y, so we use 'most': the most crowded. After 'one of', we always need 'the + superlative'.

15. “the shortest” (d)

'Short' is a one-syllable adjective, so we add -est: shortest. We need 'the' before the superlative: the shortest.

16. “older” (a)

We are comparing two cars, so we use the comparative 'older', not the superlative. Superlatives are for three or more things.

17. “the driest” (c)

'Dry' ends in a consonant + y, so we change y to i and add -est: driest. We use 'the': the driest. The Atacama Desert in Chile is the driest desert on Earth.

18. “the thinnest” (b)

'Thin' follows the CVC pattern, so we double the final consonant and add -est: thinnest (double n). We use 'the': the thinnest.

19. “the most popular” (b)

'Popular' has three syllables, so we use 'most': the most popular. After 'one of', we need 'the + superlative + plural noun'.

20. “the widest” (a)

'Wide' is a one-syllable adjective ending in -e, so we add -st: widest. We use 'the': the widest.