



Comparatives & Superlatives: Irregular Superlatives & the/in/of Rules

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. This is ___ book I have ever read.
a) the most good
b) the goodest
c) the best
d) better
2. He is ___ player in the team.
a) the baddest
b) worse
c) the most bad
d) the worst
3. This hotel is ___ from the airport of all the options.
a) farest
b) further
c) the furthest
d) the most far
4. She got ___ marks in the whole school.
a) the highest
b) the most high
c) higher
d) highest
5. He is my ___ friend.
a) most good
b) the best
c) better
d) best
6. That was ___ meal of the whole holiday.
a) the worst
b) worse
c) the most bad
d) worst
7. Shanghai is one of ___ cities in the world.
a) bigger
b) biggest
c) the most big
d) the biggest
8. This soup has ___ salt of all the dishes.
a) the fewest
b) the least
c) less
d) the most little
9. Your idea is ___ than mine.
a) the most good
b) best
c) better
d) the best
10. She ate ___ food of anyone at the party.
a) the much
b) the most
c) more
d) most
11. This is ___ song on the album.
a) the shortest
b) shortest
c) the most short
d) shorter

12. Of all the students, Maria has ____ experience.
a) the most
b) most
c) the much
d) more
13. He ran ____ of all the runners in the race.
a) faster
b) the most fast
c) fastest
d) the fastest
14. That was her ____ performance ever.
a) the worst
b) the most bad
c) worse
d) worst
15. This problem is ____ than the last one.
a) the worst
b) the most bad
c) worse
d) worst
16. Paris is one of ____ cities in Europe.
a) the beautifullest
b) the most beautiful
c) more beautiful
d) most beautiful
17. Of the three brothers, Tom is ____.
a) tallest
b) the tallest
c) taller
d) the most tall
18. This shop has ____ customers in the street.
a) the fewest
b) the least
c) the most few
d) fewer
19. It was ____ day of the whole trip.
a) better
b) the best
c) the goodest
d) best
20. The Nile is ____ river in Africa.
a) longer
b) longest
c) the longest
d) the most long



Answers

1. c) the best
2. d) the worst
3. c) the furthest
4. a) the highest
5. d) best
6. a) the worst
7. d) the biggest
8. b) the least
9. c) better
10. b) the most
11. a) the shortest
12. a) the most
13. d) the fastest
14. d) worst
15. c) worse
16. b) the most beautiful
17. b) the tallest
18. a) the fewest
19. b) the best
20. c) the longest



Explanations

1. “the best” (c)

'Good' has an irregular superlative form: good → better → best. We use 'the' before superlatives: the best.

2. “the worst” (d)

'Bad' has an irregular superlative: bad → worse → worst. We use 'the' before the superlative: the worst.

3. “the furthest” (c)

'Far' has an irregular superlative: far → further/farther → furthest/farthest. We use 'the': the furthest.

4. “the highest” (a)

'High' takes -est for the superlative: the highest. We use 'in' after superlatives with places or groups: 'in the whole school'.

5. “best” (d)

When a possessive (my, your, his, her) comes before the superlative, we do NOT use 'the': my best friend, not 'my the best friend'.

6. “the worst” (a)

'Bad' → worst (irregular). We use 'of' when referring to a period or group: 'of the whole holiday'. We need 'the': the worst.

7. “the biggest” (d)

The structure 'one of the + superlative + plural noun' is very common. We use 'in' with places: 'in the world'.

8. “the least” (b)

'Little' (uncountable) has an irregular superlative: little → less → least. Salt is uncountable, so we use 'the least'. We use 'of' before 'all the dishes'.

9. “better” (c)

We are comparing two ideas, so we use the comparative 'better' (not the superlative 'best'). Good → better → best.

10. “the most” (b)

'Much' (uncountable) has an irregular superlative: much → more → most. We use 'the': the most. 'Of anyone' shows we're comparing within a group.

11. “the shortest” (a)

'Short' is a one-syllable adjective, so the superlative is 'the shortest'. We use 'on' with albums: 'on the album'.

12. “the most” (a)

'Much' → most (irregular superlative for uncountable nouns). 'Of all the students' tells us this is a superlative context. We need 'the': the most.

13. “the fastest” (d)

'Fast' takes -est: fastest. 'Of all the runners' signals a superlative. We use 'the': the fastest.

14. “worst” (d)

'Bad' → worst (irregular). With possessives like 'her', we drop 'the': her worst performance, not 'her the worst performance'.

15. “worse” (c)

We are comparing two things, so we use the comparative 'worse', not the superlative 'worst'. Bad → worse → worst.

16. “the most beautiful” (b)

'One of the + superlative + plural noun' is a fixed structure. 'Beautiful' uses 'most' for the superlative. We use 'in' with places.

17. “the tallest” (b)

'Of the three brothers' tells us we're comparing three people, so we need the superlative 'the tallest'.

18. “the fewest” (a)

'Few' (countable) has an irregular superlative: few → fewer → fewest. 'Customers' is countable, so we use 'the fewest'. Use 'in' with places.

19. “the best” (b)

'Good' → best (irregular superlative). We use 'of' with periods of time: 'of the whole trip'. We need 'the': the best.

20. “the longest” (c)

'Long' takes -est for the superlative: the longest. We use 'in' with places and regions: 'in Africa'.