

GRAMMAR Superlative adjectives

Use superlative adjectives to compare more than two people, places, things, or ideas.

Which projector is **the cheapest** of these three? (**the** + an adjective + **est**)

Which brands are **the most** (or **least**) **popular** in your store? (**the most** / **least** + an adjective)

► 5:26 Irregular forms

good → better (than) → **the best**
bad → worse (than) → **the worst**

the most = ↑

the least = ↓

► 5:25

| adjective | comparative | superlative | adjective | comparative | superlative |
|-----------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| cheap | cheaper (than) | the cheapest | comfortable | more / less comfortable (than) | the most / least comfortable |
| nice | nicer (than) | the nicest | portable | more / less portable (than) | the most / least portable |
| easy | easier (than) | the easiest | difficult | more / less difficult (than) | the most / least difficult |
| big | bigger (than) | the biggest | expensive | more / less expensive (than) | the most / least expensive |

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- Comparatives and superlatives: usage and form

A GRAMMAR PRACTICE Read the salesperson's recommendations. Complete each statement, using the superlative form of the adjective.

- The V5 is vacuum cleaner model from Zorax.
new
- The Blendex is very inexpensive. It's blender we sell.
cheap
- Compared to our other washing machines, the Laundrex 300 is
easy to use
- The Focus C50 is digital camera we sell.
popular
- The Vista PX is webcam you can buy.
light
- Our customers say the My Juice 500 is juicer available today.
practical
- You'll like the Morning Brew coffeemaker. It's to use.
difficult
- If you don't want to spend a lot, the View Master is projector you can buy.
expensive
- The Impress 400 isn't projector we have, but it is the best.
expensive

B GRAMMAR PRACTICE Complete the conversations. Use the superlative form of the adjectives.

- A: All of these cameras are easy to use.
B: But which is ?
small
- A: All of our ski sweaters are pretty warm.
B: But I want a really heavy one. Which brand makes ones?
heavy
- A: She wrote at least six books about Italy.
B: I know. But which of her books is ?
interesting
- A: Do you want to take a taxi, bus, or train to the airport?
B: Which is ?
convenient
- A: You can study English at any school you want.
B: OK. But which school is ?
good
- A: Here are three vacation packages you can choose from.
B: That's nice. But just tell me which one is
affordable

CONVERSATION MODEL

- A** ▶ 5:27 Read and listen to someone ask for a recommendation.
- A: I'm looking for a pressure cooker. Which is the least expensive?
- B: The Steam 2000. But it's not the best. How much do you want to spend?
- A: No more than \$100.
- B: Well, we have some really good ones in your price range.
- A: Great! Could I have a look?
- B** ▶ 5:28 **RHYTHM AND INTONATION** Listen again and repeat. Then practice the Conversation Model with a partner.



NOW YOU CAN Ask for a recommendation

- A** **CONVERSATION ACTIVATOR** With a partner, change the Conversation Model. Use superlative adjectives. Use the ads, or your own real ads, to ask for a recommendation. Then change roles.

A: I'm looking for Which is the ?

B: The But it's not the
How much do you want to spend?

A: No more than

B: Well,

A:

DON'T STOP!

Continue the conversation.

I'm also looking for [a coffeemaker].

Tell me about the [Brew King].

Do you accept credit cards?

Is there an ATM nearby?

I think I'll take the [Power X].

- B** **CHANGE PARTNERS** Ask for a recommendation for another type of product.

- C** **EXTENSION** Bring in newspaper ads for similar products. Use both comparative and superlative adjectives to discuss them.

Coffeemakers

| | | |
|---|---|--|
|  | Brew King <i>Very convenient!</i> \$149 |  |
|  | Morningstar \$45 <i>Small and practical</i> | |
| Cupster \$84 <i>Popular</i> |  | |

Food Processors

| | |
|--|---|
| Chop It 500 \$120 <i>Very popular!</i> |  |
|  | Cooksmart \$89 <i>Easy to use</i> |
| Whiz Kid <i>New!</i> \$200 |  |

Air Conditioners

| | |
|---|---|
| Cool Machine \$330 <i>Very affordable</i> |  |
|  | Honshu Breeze \$560 <i>The best!</i> |
| Power X \$380 <i>Very small and quiet</i> |  |