

the biggest, the best, too small

The highest degree and an unsuitable size

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The weather and what to wear

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The superlative compares one thing with a whole group. Short adjectives commonly use **the ... -est: the smallest, the biggest**. Longer ones use **the most: the most expensive**.

Good → **the best** and **bad** → **the worst** are irregular. A possessive can replace **the**: **my best friend**. Do not put **the** after **my** in the same noun phrase.

For a size that does not work, use **too: too small, too big**. To say sufficient, put **enough** after an adjective: **warm enough, big enough**.

Form	Example	Meaning
the	This is the biggest lake.	Name the largest lake in a group.
best	This is the best coffee.	Use the irregular superlative of good.
most	This is the most expensive jacket.	Form a superlative with a long adjective.
too	The jacket is too small for me.	Say its size is insufficient.
enough	The jacket is warm enough.	Say it provides sufficient warmth.

Form	Example	Meaning
my	She's my best friend.	Use a possessive instead of the article.

This is the biggest lake.

Name the largest lake in a group.

This is the best coffee.

Use the irregular superlative of good.

This is the most expensive jacket.

Form a superlative with a long adjective.

The jacket is too small for me.

Say its size is insufficient.

The jacket is warm enough.

Say it provides sufficient warmth.

She's my best friend.

Use a possessive instead of the article.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS**

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 This is the biggest lake.

Meaning: Name the largest lake in a group.

- 2 This is the best coffee.

Meaning: Use the irregular superlative of good.

- 3 This is the most expensive jacket.

Meaning: Form a superlative with a long adjective.

- 4 The jacket is too small for me.

Meaning: Say its size is insufficient.

- 5 The jacket is warm enough.

Meaning: Say it provides sufficient warmth.

- 6 She's my best friend.

Meaning: Use a possessive instead of the article.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 This is _____ biggest lake.

- ☐ A an
- ☐ B the
- ☐ C a

Meaning: Name the largest lake in a group.

- 2 This is the _____ coffee.

- ☐ A better
- ☐ B best
- ☐ C goodest

Meaning: Use the irregular superlative of good.

3 This is the _____ expensive jacket.

- ☐ (A) much
- ☐ (B) most
- ☐ (C) more

Meaning: Form a superlative with a long adjective.

4 The jacket is _____ small for me.

- ☐ (A) many
- ☐ (B) much
- ☐ (C) too

Meaning: Say its size is insufficient.

5 The jacket is warm _____.

- ☐ (A) enough
- ☐ (B) many
- ☐ (C) too

Meaning: Say it provides sufficient warmth.

6 She's _____ best friend.

- ☐ (A) mine
- ☐ (B) my
- ☐ (C) my the

Meaning: Use a possessive instead of the article.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

a the

This is _____ biggest lake.

Meaning: Name the largest lake in a group.

goodest best

This is the _____ coffee.

Meaning: Use the irregular superlative of good.

more most

This is the _____ expensive jacket.

Meaning: Form a superlative with a long adjective.

many too

The jacket is _____ small for me.

Meaning: Say its size is insufficient.

too enough

The jacket is warm _____.

Meaning: Say it provides sufficient warmth.

my the my

She's _____ best friend.

Meaning: Use a possessive instead of the article.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 biggest This is lake. the

Meaning: Name the largest lake in a group.

- 2 best the coffee. is This

Meaning: Use the irregular superlative of good.

3 expensive is the This most jacket.

Meaning: Form a superlative with a long adjective.

4 too small jacket The for me. is

Meaning: Say its size is insufficient.

5 The warm enough. jacket is

Meaning: Say it provides sufficient warmth.

6 friend. She's my best

Meaning: Use a possessive instead of the article.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Name the largest lake in a group. You say:

- ☐ A This is a biggest lake.
- ☐ B This is the biggest lake.

2 Use the irregular superlative of good. You say:

- ☐ A This is the goodest coffee.
- ☐ B This is the best coffee.

3 Form a superlative with a long adjective. You say:

- ☐ A This is the most expensive jacket.
- ☐ B This is the more expensive jacket.

4 Say its size is insufficient. You say:

- ☐ A The jacket is many small for me.
- ☐ B The jacket is too small for me.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| ① This is the most expensive jacket. | Ⓐ Form a superlative with a long adjective. |
| ② This is the biggest lake. | Ⓑ Use the irregular superlative of good. |
| ③ The jacket is too small for me. | Ⓒ Say it provides sufficient warmth. |
| ④ She's my best friend. | Ⓓ Use a possessive instead of the article. |
| ⑤ The jacket is warm enough. | Ⓔ Say its size is insufficient. |
| ⑥ This is the best coffee. | Ⓕ Name the largest lake in a group. |