

Superlatives

- **The basics**

Look at the following examples:

1. US university tuition fees are **the highest** in the world.

2. Compared to number of hours of lectures and tutorials in the UK, the US and France, French have **the longest** working week.

HIGH, and LONG are short adjectives with 1 syllable.
In the superlative form, you add – **est**.

3. According to research published in 2017, students from Central America are **the happiest** on the planet.

HAPPY is an adjective with 2 syllables BUT it ends in –y. You add – **est** and pay attention to the spelling: -y → -i

4. A university in the US will not only be looking for **the most intelligent** applicants, but also **the most well-rounded** and **most involved** in other fields such as music, sport and community service.

INTELLIGENT, WELL-ROUNDED, INVOLVED are longer adjectives with 2 or more syllables. You add **the most + adjective**.

5. In the Shanghai Ranking, Oxford and Cambridge are considered to be among **the best** universities in the world.

BEST is superlative form of GOOD.

Exceptions

Like in French, some adjectives are irregular in their superlative form

<i>Adjectives</i>	<i>Superlative Form</i>
Good	The best
Bad	The worst
Far	The farthest/furthest
Little	The Least
Much	The most

Step 2 - Superlatives

- **One of the...**

Look at the following examples:

1. Cambridge University is **one of the most prestigious** universities in the world but also **one of the most difficult** universities to get into.

The expression = **one of the + (superlative form) + (noun in its plural form).**