GRAMMAR · PLACES — LO MÁS GRANDE, LO MÁS BELLO, LO MEJOR

Superlatives — The Number One

Hoy viajamos por lugares famosos del mundo y aprendimos a decir que algo es EL número uno de su grupo: the biggest, the most famous, the best.

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01 GRAMMAR · LA IDEA CENTRAL
One winner: the + superlative

In Unit 9C we compared **two** things (*bigger than*). Today we compare **one thing with all the others** — and there is only **one winner**. That winner always goes with **THE**:

LA FÓRMULA

THE + adjective-EST — for short adjectives (1 syllable): *the cold**est**, the fast**est***

THE MOST + adjective — for long adjectives (2+ syllables): *the **most** beautiful, the **most** dangerous*

The group goes after, with **in**: *the biggest park **in** Mexico City · the most dangerous road **in** the world*

Spelling — cómo se escribe el -EST

- Normal: add **-est** — *cold → coldest · fast → fastest · sweet → sweetest*
- Double the last letter (una vocal + una consonante): *big → bi**gg**est · wet → we**tt**est*
- Adjectives in **-y**: the *y* becomes *i* — *healthy → healthi**e**st · funny → funni**e**st · friendly → friendli**e**st · easy → eas**ie**st*

Remember: comparatives compare 2 (bigger **than**…); superlatives choose 1 of many (**the** biggest **in**…).

The two together — from Unit 9C to today

Adjective	Comparative (2 things)	Superlative (1 winner)
big	bigger than	**the biggest**
cold	colder than	**the coldest**
healthy	healthier than	**the healthiest**
dangerous	more dangerous than	**the most dangerous**
good	better than	**the best**

- *A car is **bigger than** a bike. A plane is **the biggest** of the three.*

02 GRAMMAR · LAS DOS FAMILIAS Y LOS IRREGULARES
The adjectives from class

Short — THE + -EST	Long — THE MOST + adjective
big → the biggest	beautiful → the most beautiful
cold → the coldest	intelligent → the most intelligent
fast → the fastest	elegant → the most elegant
sweet → the sweetest	dangerous → the most dangerous
healthy → the healthiest	expensive → the most expensive

LOS 3 IRREGULARES — SE APRENDEN DE MEMORIA

- **good → the best** — *Bellas Artes is the **best** museum in the city.*
- **bad → the worst** — *That was the **worst** day of my life!*
- **far → the farthest / the furthest**

The examples from today's class

- *The Yungas Road is the **most dangerous** road in the world.*
- *The Louvre is the **most popular** gallery in the world.*
- *Chapultepec is the **biggest** park in Mexico City.*
- *Mount Everest is the **highest** mountain in the world.*

03 VOCABULARY · LOS LUGARES QUE VISITAMOS
Places of the world

Five famous places from class — read how each text uses a superlative to say «this place is number one»:

Place	What is it?	Its superlative
Trafalgar Square — London, England	A famous square, known for Nelson's Column and its large lion statues.	one of the **most popular** tourist attractions in the city
The Golden Gate Bridge — San Francisco, USA	A famous red bridge; it connects the city to Marin County.	one of the **most famous** bridges in the world
Wall Street — New York City, USA	The center of the American financial industry: banks, money and the stock market.	— (famous for money and business)
Edinburgh Castle — Scotland	A historic castle on top of a hill; it overlooks the city.	one of Scotland's **most visited** attractions
The Rocky Mountains — USA & Canada	A large mountain range for hiking, skiing and camping; home to many animals.	a place of **breathtaking** landscapes

Words from the texts

- **square** — plaza · **statue** — estatua · **bridge** — puente · **castle** — castillo · **hill** — colina · **mountain range** — cordillera · **breathtaking** — impresionante, que quita el aliento

Reading — The Yungas Road

The class question was: *What is the most dangerous road in the world?* The answer is **the Yungas Road in Bolivia**, also called «*Death Road*». Interesting facts: it connects La Paz with the town of Coroico, high in the mountains; in many parts it is only about **3 metres wide**, with cliffs on one side and no guardrails; and today most cars use a newer, safer road — the old Yungas is now famous with **tourists on bicycles** who ride down it for the adventure.

04 SPEAK & PRACTICE · TU TURNO

Your city, your favorites

Talk about your favorite place

My favorite place is _____. I usually _____ there. It makes me feel _____. It is near my house. It is beautiful and relaxing. I can spend time with my family there. I can meet my friends there. I usually go there on weekends. I enjoy the atmosphere. It makes me feel happy. I never get bored there.

Recommend a place in your city

I live in ... and I recommend visiting ... because ...

Questions about your town (from the book)

1. What's the most **beautiful** park?
2. What's the **easiest** way to get around?
3. What's the most **interesting** museum?
4. What's the **best** time of year to visit?
5. What's the **nicest** place to eat typical food?
6. What's the **oldest** building?
7. What's the **nicest** place to go for a day trip?
8. What's the most **dangerous** area to walk at night?
9. Where's the **best** place to buy a souvenir?
10. What's the most **popular** area to go at night?

Practice — complete with the superlative (from class)

1. This is the _____ movie I've ever seen. (funny)
2. Mount Everest is the _____ mountain in the world. (high)
3. She is the _____ student in the class. (smart)
4. That was the _____ day of my life! (bad)
5. My dog is the _____ of all my pets. (friendly)
6. It's the _____ restaurant in town. (good)
7. Today is the _____ day of the year. (cold)
8. He's the _____ soccer player on the team. (fast)
9. That was the _____ test we've had so far. (easy)
10. January is usually the _____ month in my country. (wet)

Si faltaste a clase

1. Estudia la fórmula: **THE + -est** (adjetivos cortos) y **THE MOST +** adjetivo (largos), y los 3 irregulares: best, worst, farthest (sección 02).
2. Lee los cinco lugares famosos y la nota de la Yungas Road (sección 03).
3. Prepara tus respuestas de «Questions about your town» y haz la práctica de esta página.

Answer key — Practice: 1. funniest 2. highest 3. smartest 4. worst 5. friendliest 6. best 7. coldest 8. fastest 9. easiest 10. wettest.

Saber inglés es saber usarlo.