RESUMEN DE CLASE - PRE-INTERMEDIATE 1

Unit 5B - Cities: Superlatives

En esta clase aprendiste a...

- Usar los **superlativos** para decir que algo es EL MÁS / LA MÁS de un grupo: *the biggest, the most beautiful*
- Formarlos según el adjetivo: cortos con **-est** y largos con **the most**, más los irregulares *the best / the worst*
- Hablar de tu experiencia con la fórmula *the most + adjetivo + I have ever...*
- Conocer **5 ciudades de Estados Unidos** y hablar de ventajas y desventajas de vivir en una ciudad

1. Superlativos - la idea

El comparativo compara DOS cosas (*bigger than*). El **superlativo** pone UNA cosa arriba de TODAS las demás, y casi siempre lleva the enfrente:

the + superlative + in / of + grupo

Mexico City is the busiest city in Mexico. (la ciudad con más actividad de TODO México)

Tepito is the most dangerous place in Mexico City.

February is the shortest month of the year. (of + periodos de tiempo: of the year, of my life)

2. Adjetivos cortos (1-2 sílabas): the + adjetivo-est

Adjetivo	Superlativo	Regla
slow / old / young	**the slowest / the oldest / the youngest**	solo agregas -est
big / hot	**the biggest / the hottest**	consonante-vocal-consonante: se **duplica** la última letra
easy / busy / funny	**the easiest / the busiest / the funniest**	terminan en -y: la y cambia a **i** + -est

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

Who is the youngest person in your family?

3. Adjetivos largos (+2 sílabas): the most + adjetivo

Adjetivo	Superlativo
expensive	**the most expensive**
beautiful	**the most beautiful**
interesting / difficult	**the most interesting / the most difficult**
dangerous / stressed / bored	**the most dangerous / the most stressed / the most bored**

Ojo: nunca combines las dos formas: *the most biggest* **no existe**. O es **the biggest** o es **the most + adjetivo largo**.

4. Los irregulares - se memorizan

Adjetivo	Superlativo	Ejemplo de la clase
good	**the best**	**This is the best movie I have ever seen.**
bad	**the worst**	**It was the worst day of my life.**
far	**the farthest / the furthest**	**What is the farthest place you have visited?**

5. Speaking - superlativo + tu experiencia

La fórmula estrella de la clase junta el superlativo con *have ever* (presente perfecto) para hablar de lo máximo en tu experiencia:

What's the most + adjetivo + noun + you've ever + participio?

- What's the most beautiful city you've ever been to? → The most beautiful city I have ever been to is...

- What's the most expensive thing you've ever bought? → The most expensive thing I have ever bought is...

- Who's the most generous person in your family? → The most generous person in my family is...

- What's the most frightening movie you've ever seen? → The most frightening movie I have ever seen is...

6. Vivir en una ciudad - ventajas y desventajas

One of the advantages of living in a city is that...

One of the disadvantages of living in a city is that...

Have you ever visited a city in the USA? → Yes, I have. I have visited... / No, I haven't.

Would you like to visit New York City? → Yes, I would. / No, I wouldn't.

Would you prefer to visit museums or amusement parks? → I would prefer to visit...

7. Reading - 5 cities in the USA

CHICAGO (Illinois)

A large city near **Lake Michigan**. Famous for its **tall buildings**, like the Willis Tower, and for its **deep-dish pizza**. It has many museums, theaters and sports teams, and it is an important center for business and transportation.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The **capital** of the United States - and it is not part of any state. There you can see the **White House**, the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial. People visit to learn about American history and politics; it also has many **free museums** and beautiful parks.

NEW ORLEANS (Louisiana)

Famous for its music, especially **jazz**. Every year it celebrates **Mardi Gras** with big parades and colorful costumes. Its food is delicious: try the **gumbo** and the **beignets**. The city has a strong French and Spanish influence.

MIAMI (Florida)

A city in southern Florida, known for its **sunny weather, beaches and nightlife**. Many people in Miami speak Spanish because there are many immigrants from Latin America. Tourists visit to relax, go shopping and enjoy the ocean.

MINNEAPOLIS (Minnesota)

A city in the north of the USA, part of the **“Twin Cities”** with St. Paul. It has many lakes, rivers and parks. Winters are very cold and snowy, but people enjoy outdoor sports. It also has a strong arts and music scene.

8. Para discutir (speaking de la clase)

1. Do you think life is **easier** now than it was 20 years ago? Why or why not?
2. Who is the most influential person in your life, and what makes them special?
3. Do you think people are happier when they have more money?
4. What is the most useful app on your phone, and which app do you use more often than others?

9. Práctica

A. Complete with the correct superlative form (la práctica de la clase):

1. Mount Everest is _____ mountain in the world. (high)

2. This is _____ movie I have ever seen. (good)

3. February is _____ month of the year. (short)

4. My best friend is _____ person I know. (funny)

5. This is _____ restaurant in our town. (expensive)

6. Who is _____ person in your family? (young)

7. That was _____ exam of the semester. (difficult)

8. Summer is _____ season for me because I love hot weather. (good)

9. This is _____ book I have ever read. (interesting)

10. What is _____ animal in the world? (fast)

B. ¿Comparativo o superlativo? Elige según la pista: *than* pide comparar dos; *the... in/of* pide el número uno.

11. Life is _____ now than it was 20 years ago. (easy)

12. Chicago is one of _____ cities in the USA. (big)

13. Are people _____ when they have more money? (happy)

14. Miami is _____ than Minneapolis in winter. (hot)

Respuestas

A: 1. the highest 2. the best 3. the shortest 4. the funniest 5. the most expensive 6. the youngest 7. the most difficult 8. the best 9. the most interesting 10. the fastest **B:** 11. easier (hay *than*) 12. the biggest 13. happier (comparación general, sin grupo cerrado) 14. hotter (doble t, y hay *than*)

¿Sabías que...? Superlativos del mundo real

El animal terrestre más rápido del mundo es el **cheetah** (respuesta de la 10: the fastest). El edificio más alto del mundo es el Burj Khalifa, en Dubái (828 m). Y de las ciudades de la lectura, Chicago tuvo durante años el edificio más alto de EE. UU.: la Willis Tower.

Si faltaste a clase

Lee las reglas de los superlativos y memoriza los tres irregulares (best, worst, farthest). Lee las 5 ciudades y qué hace especial a cada una. Después contesta en voz alta las preguntas de la sección 5 con tus propias experiencias y completa la práctica de la sección 9.

What's the most interesting city you have ever visited?