

Comparatives and superlatives

Look again at *Grammar database 22* on page 152 before doing these exercises.

1 Put the adjectives into the superlative form.

John: Who's (1) _____ (stylish) person in your family?

Dina: That would be my sister Lisa. She wears (2) _____ (good) clothes and (3) _____ (fashionable) accessories. What about in your family?

John: That's easy – me! I'm not particularly stylish, but my brother's got (4) _____ (bad) style in clothes. We went shopping yesterday, and he wanted to buy a belt. It was (5) _____ (ugly) belt I've ever seen!

Dina: How funny! Did he buy it?

John: Well, he saw another belt, which was (6) _____ (cheap) one in the shop. That's the one he got, but I can't say it was nice!

2 Write sentences using the superlative.

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| 1 That / small hat / in the world | <u>That's the smallest hat in the world.</u> |
| 2 That / lovely dress / I've ever seen | _____ |
| 3 This / large clothing shop / in town | _____ |
| 4 These / comfortable shoes / that we sell | _____ |
| 5 This / not good costume / for the party | _____ |

3 **KEY** Read the text and for each question, choose the correct word or phrase, A, B or C.

Some people care too much about clothes. To them, clothes are the (1) ___ things in their lives. They often buy (2) ___ shoes in the shop or the (3) ___ fashions of the year. They usually like items that are (4) ___ than casual clothes and (5) ___ just plain white. They are only (6) ___ when they've got money to spend. Of course, you don't have to spend lots of money to have nice items. It's (7) ___ to shop carefully than to just buy (8) ___ thing you can find. If you buy clothes that are (9) ___ than expensive clothes but look the same, you'll be able to buy more clothes. It's also (10) ___ to buy things you need than things you want. In other words, if you've already got two coats, it's probably not the (11) ___ idea to buy one more!

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| 1 A important | B more important | C most important |
| 2 A most expensive | B more expensive | C the most expensive |
| 3 A newer | B newest | C more new |
| 4 A smart | B smarter | C smartest |
| 5 A more colourful | B colourful | C more colourful than |
| 6 A happy | B happier | C happiest |
| 7 A good | B better | C best |
| 8 A the coolest | B the cooler | C cool |
| 9 A cheaper than | B cheap | C cheaper |
| 10 A useful | B more useful | C most useful |
| 11 A great | B greater | C greatest |