

SUPERLATIVE DEGREE OF ADJECTIVES

I. SUPERLATIVE

A. THE + ADJECTIVE + **-EST** ⇒ one-syllable adjectives & two-syllable adjectives ending in **-Y**,

bright ⇒ the brightest soft ⇒ the softest
fast ⇒ the fastest light ⇒ the lightest

1. If the adjective ALREADY ends in **-E**, then simply add **-ST**

nice ⇒ the nicest safe ⇒ the safest

2. If the adjective ends in a **consonant** + **-Y**, change **Y** to **I** before adding **-EST**

pretty ⇒ the prettiest friendly ⇒ the friendliest
easy ⇒ the easiest

3. If the adjective ends in a *consonant-vowel-consonant* combination (CVC), DOUBLE the final consonant before adding **-EST**

C V C
↓ ↓ ↓
B I G big ⇒ the biggest

Do NOT double the consonant in words ending in **-W or **-Y**

slow ⇒ the slowest coy ⇒ the coyest

B. **MOST**
THE + ADJECTIVE ⇒ adjectives with two or more
 LEAST syllables

comfortable ⇒ the most / least comfortable
handsome ⇒ the most / least handsome
delicious ⇒ the most / least delicious