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Reading (Reading)

<p>Jackie is the most beautiful of all four sisters. (Jackie is the most beautiful of all four sisters.)</p>	<p>The most enjoyable class is English. (The most enjoyable class is English.)</p>
<p>This is the easiest exam we had this semester. (This is the easiest exam we had this semester.)</p>	<p>That young man over there is the richest man in our town. (That young man over there is the richest man in our town.)</p>

<p>Who is the most famous female singer in your country? (Who is the most famous female singer in your country ?)</p>	<p>Is she the most talkative student in the class? (Is she the most talkative student in the class?)</p>
<p>Where can I find the nearest hospital from here? (Where can I find the nearest hospital from here ?)</p>	<p>You have three sons and two daughters. Who is the youngest? (You have three sons and two daughters. Who is the youngest ?)</p>
<p>I find gardening the least enjoyable. (I find gardening the least enjoyable.)</p>	<p>Don't you think that the science class is the least exciting? (Don't you think that the science class is the least exciting ?)</p>

Grammar focus (Grammar focus)

- ❖ Use “adjective/adverb + est” for one or two-syllable adjectives/adverbs and “most + adjective/adverb” for adjectives/adverbs that have more than two syllables to describe the best thing among others. This is called the superlative degree.

E.g.) You are the tallest of all. (You are the tallest of all)

You are the most creative in the class. (You are the most creative in the class)

- ❖ Use “least + adjective/adverb” to describe that something is the smallest in extent, degree or significance.

E.g.) You are the least tall of all. (You are the least tall of all)

- ❖ Some adjectives/adverbs change irregularly. For example, “good” changes to “best”, and “bad” changes to “worst”.

E.g.) Your score is the best. (Your score is the best)

Tom’s score is the worst. (Tom’s score is the worst)

Speaking (Speaking)

- 1) This is the most delicious pasta in Italy.
(This is the most delicious pasta in Italy.)
- 2) That was the best movie ever! (That was the best movie ever!)
- 3) Mt. Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan.
(Mt. Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan.)
- 4) Which is the most beautiful flower in your garden?
(Which is the most beautiful flower in your garden ?)
- 5) Who is the most active student you have in your class?
(Who is the most active student you have in your class ?)
- 6) Of all the books you have read, which was the most interesting?
(Of all the books you have read, which was the most interesting ?)
- 7) Is Chinese the most difficult language to learn?
(Is Chinese the most difficult language to learn ?)
- 8) Is Porsche the most expensive car in the world?
(Is Porsche the most expensive car in the world ?)
- 9) Which is the closest convenience store to the main station?
(Which is the closest convenience store to the main station ?)
- 10) Who is the least famous politician among them?
(Who is the least famous politician among them ?)

Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Write the correct degree of each adjective in the blanks. Use the given words in the parenthesis.

1) I have a lot of friends, but you are the _____. (good)

(I have a lot of friends, but you are the best.)

2) Basketball is the _____ sport in Japan. (popular)

(Basketball is the most popular sport in Japan.)

3) Spanish is _____ than English, but Japanese is the _____ language.

(difficult)

(Spanish is more difficult than English, but Japanese is the most difficult language.)

4) Gina got a _____ score than me at the test, but Mark got the _____.

(high)

(Gina got a higher score than me at the test, but Mark got the highest.)

5) What is the _____ watch available in your shop?

(expensive)

(What is the least expensive watch available in your shop ?)

6) I am not the _____ person in my family. My mother is taller than me.

(tall)

(I am not the tallest person in my family. My mother is taller than me.)

7) In the Philippines, December is _____ than November, but January is the _____. (cold)

(In the Philippines, December is colder than November, but January is the coldest.)

8) Is China the _____ country in the world? No, Russia is. (large)

(Is China the largest country in the world? No, Russia is.)

9) I always prioritize things from the _____ to the _____. (important)

(I always prioritize things from the most important to the least important.)

Translating (Translating)

Translate these sentences into English.

- 1) What is the most romantic city in the world? (useful vocabulary: romantic = romantic)
- 2) He is the most handsome boy in the whole school. (useful vocabulary: handsome = handsome)
- 3) Mr. Chen is the least responsible manager in our company. (useful vocabulary: responsible = responsible)
- 4) What fast-food restaurant is the cheapest in this area?
- 5) Julian is the smartest in our class.
- 6) Who is the most talented candidate in the competition? (useful vocabulary: competition = competition)
- 7) Which is the coldest month in your country?
- 8) That was the least attractive painting I noticed in the gallery. (useful vocabulary: attractive = attractive; gallery = gallery)
- 9) What is the most expensive school in your country?
- 10) He is the laziest person I know. (useful vocabulary: lazy = lazy)