

The OLD man -vs- The OLDEST man (1 Answers)

*Deciding when to use a **regular** adjective or a **superlative** adjective after “the”*

The old man. This just says there is a man and he is old. (Regular)

*The **old man** had many great interesting stories.*

To use the superlative, you need to add things like: “in the world”, “in history”, “ever”, etc.

The oldest man. This needs to be followed by one of the expressions mentioned above:

*That guy is **the oldest man** I have ever met.*

*This is **the most dangerous** place in town.*

*Decide whether you need a **regular** or a **superlative** adjective below:*

ex. This is the most expensive movie ever made. (expensive)

1. The excited children laughed and played in the pool. (excited)
2. I ate the bad oysters and was the sickest ever. (bad/sick)
3. Today is cold, but yesterday was the coldest day all week. (cold)
4. The entertaining and funny musical I saw on Broadway was the best musical I have ever seen. (entertaining/funny/good)
5. That's the gorgeous girl I saw on the train earlier today! (gorgeous)
6. Tom is the loneliest person I have ever met. (lonely)
7. Morning trains are the most crowded trains all day. (crowded)
8. I live behind the tall building over there. (tall)
9. I can't find the scary Halloween costume I wore last year.
Everyone said it was the coolest costume at the crazy wild party. (scary/cool/crazy/wild)
10. Christmas is the happiest time for kids around the world. (happy)
11. The hard rain made me the wettest I've ever been in my life. (hard/wet)
12. Downtown is the dirtiest part of our city. (dirty)
13. That's the terrible guy who stole the rare painting from the oldest museum in America! (terrible/rare/old)
14. Who's the nice kid who helped the old woman cross the street? (nice/old)
15. Nelson Mandela is one of the most famous people in history. (famous)
16. My cruel teacher gives the hardest tests at school. (cruel/hard)
17. The dangerous winding mountain road is the cause of many accidents from some of the speedy drivers who use it. (dangerous/ speedy)
18. Disneyland calls itself “The Happiest Place on Earth!” And from the ecstatic children I saw, I think it's true! (Happy/ ecstatic)
19. The extensive train system in Tokyo is one of the most confusing train systems in the world. (extensive/confusing)