SUPERLATIVES

• How do we form superlative statements? Study the *grammar reference chart* below.

• Adjectives with one syllable: add 'the' + '-est' or '-st'				
cold	the coldest	<i>"January is often the coldest winter month."</i>		
nice	the nicest	<i>"She is the nicest person I know."</i>		

• Adjectives with two or more syllables: add 'the' + 'most'		
boring expensive	the most boring the most expensive	<i>"It's the most boring movie at the cinema."</i> <i>"We ate at the most expensive restaurant in town."</i>

• Adjectives with two syllables that end in '-y': change '-y' to '-i' and add 'the'			
early	the earliest	<i>"He was <mark>the earliest</mark> person to arrive"</i>	
happy	the happiest	<i>"It was <mark>the happiest</mark> time of my life."</i>	

• Adjectives that end with a vowel and a consonant: double the final letter before adding 'the' + '-est'		
big	the biggest	<i>"Russia is the biggest country in the world."</i>
hot	the hottest	<i>"August is usually the hottest summer month."</i>

• Adjectives that are irregular:

good	the best	"She is the best student in our class."
bad	the worst	"It was the worst storm in many years."
far	the farthest the furthest	"He lives the farthest/furthest from my home."