

The Superlative Error Correction **Answers**

Look at each sentence. They are all incorrect. Explain why the sentence is incorrect and write the correct sentence in the spaces provided.

- 1) Who is nicest person you know?

EXPLANATION

Superlative structures always need "the" before the adjective.

CORRECT SENTENCE

Who is the nicest person you know?

- 2) She is the most wise person in the world!

EXPLANATION

The adjective "wise" is one syllable and ends in E, so the superlative form is to add ST to the end of the adjective.

CORRECT SENTENCE

She is the wisest person in the world.

- 3) The most coldest month in my country is January.

EXPLANATION

The adjective "cold" is one syllable long, so the superlative form is to add EST to the end of the word.

CORRECT SENTENCE

The coldest month in my country is January.

4) The difficultest thing in English is grammar!

EXPLANATION

The adjective "difficult" is three syllables long, so we say "most" plus the adjective in the superlative form.

CORRECT SENTENCE

The most difficult thing in English is grammar!

5) I think she is the most prettiest person I know!

EXPLANATION

The adjective "pretty" is two syllables long and ends in a Y. To create the superlative, we eliminate the Y and add IEST.

CORRECT SENTENCE

I think she is the prettiest person I know!

6) I got the expensivest present this Christmas.

EXPLANATION

The adjective "expensive" is three syllables so requires "most + adjective" in the superlative form.

CORRECT SENTENCE

I got the most expensive present this Christmas.

7) This film is most boring I have ever seen.

EXPLANATION

All superlative structures require the word "the" before them.

CORRECT SENTENCE

This film is the most boring I have ever seen.