



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 90– The oldest
the most expensive

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The oldest, the most expensive

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GIỚI THIỆU SO SÁNH NHẤT



Box A is bigger than Box B.
 Box A is bigger than all the other boxes.
 Box A is the biggest box.

HOTEL PRICES IN KINTON

(Per room per night)

Europa Hotel	£150	Grosvenor	£110
Grand Hotel	£130	Bennets	£100
Royal	£120	Carlton	£98
Astoria	£115	Star	£85
Palace	£115	Station	£75

The Europa Hotel is more expensive than the Grand.
 The Europa Hotel is more expensive than all the other hotels in the city.
 The Europa Hotel is the most expensive hotel in the city.

Bigger and more expensive etc are comparative forms (—> Unit 87).

Biggest and most expensive etc are superlative forms.

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B CÁCH THÀNH LẬP DẠNG SO SÁNH NHẤT

The superlative form is **-est** (**oldest**) or **most...** (**most expensive**).

Short words (**old/cheap/nice** etc.) → **the -est**:

old → the oldest	cheap → the cheapest	nice → the nicest
but good → the best	bad → the worst	
Spelling (→ Appendix 5):	big → the biggest	hot → the hottest

Words ending in **-y** (**easy/ heavy** etc.) → **the -iest**:

easy → the easiest	heavy → the heaviest	pretty → the prettiest
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Long words (**careful/expensive/interesting** etc.) → **the most...**

careful → the most careful	interesting → the most interesting
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C “THE” DÙNG TRONG SO SÁNH NHẤT

We say **the** oldest... / **the** most expensive ... etc. (with **the**):

The church is very old. It's **the oldest** building in the town.

(= it is **older than** all the other buildings)

- Ex1: What is **the longest** river in the world?
- Ex2: Money is important, but it isn't **the most important** thing in life.
- Ex3: Excuse me, where is **the nearest** bank?

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D SO SÁNH NHẤT KHÔNG CÓ DANH TỪ THEO SAU

You can use **the oldest / the best / the most expensive** etc. without a noun:

- Ex4: Luke is a good player, but he isn't **the best** in the team.
(*the best = the best player*)

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E SO SÁNH NHẤT VỚI “EVER”

You can use *superlative* + **I've ever ... / you've ever ...** etc.:

- Ex5: The film was very bad. I think it's **the worst** film I've ever seen.
- Ex6: What is **the most unusual** thing you've ever done?

present perfect + **ever** → **Unit 17**

older / more expensive → **Units 87-88**