

What are Superlative Adjectives in German?

Worksheet

German superlative adjectives add -st to the base (schön → schönst-) and use dative case with the definite article (der schönste, die schönste, das schönste). They show the highest degree among three or more items.

Questions

1. Form superlative of 'klein' (small).

- A) kleiner
- B) kleinste
- C) kleinstter
- D) kleinster

2. Which adjectives take -est instead of -st?

- A) Short adjectives
- B) Long adjectives
- C) Adjectives ending in -d, -t, -s, -z
- D) Comparative adjectives

3. Form superlative of 'alt' (old).

- A) alter
- B) alteste
- C) älteste
- D) altster

4. 'The best solution' in German uses ____.

- A) die besten Lösung
- B) die beste Lösung
- C) der beste Lösung
- D) die bestste Lösung

5. Form the superlative: gross (big). Sentence: The ____ animal is the elephant.

6. Form the superlative: schnell (fast). Sentence: This is the ____ car.

7. Form the superlative: schön (beautiful). Sentence: She has the ____ voice.

8. Define: How to form superlative adjectives?

9. Define: Do umlauts appear in superlatives?

10. Define: Superlative article and case?

Answer Key

1. B) kleinste — klein → kleinst- → kleinste (nominative feminine singular).
2. C) Adjectives ending in -d, -t, -s, -z — Adjectives ending in -d, -t, -s, -z: liebst-, schönst-est (wider for pronunciation).
3. C) älteste — alt → ältest- (umlaut) → älteste (nominative).
4. B) die beste Lösung — beste (feminine accusative singular). Die beste Lösung.
5. Add -st to the base: gross → grösst- (umlaut). Use dative article: Das grösste Tier ist der Elefant.
6. Add -st: schnell → schnellst-. Sentence: Das ist das schnellste Auto.
7. Add -st: schön → schönst-. Sentence: Sie hat die schönste Stimme.
8. Add -st to the base: schön → schönst-, gross → grösst-. Use -est if adjective ends in -d, -t, -s, -z.
9. Yes, same as comparatives: alt → älteste, gross → grösste, lang → längste.
10. Use definite article with dative/accusative case: der schönste, die schönste, das schönste.

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