# APC English

week 5 lesson 1

Adjectives

### Introduction

- Introduction to adjectives
- Opposites
- Types of adjectives
- Emotions
- Comparatives & Superlatives
- Adjectives order

# Adjectives

Parts of speech

### Adjectives

To add more information to a word

To describe

To modify or describe a noun

the <u>blue</u> pen

John is my <u>best</u> friend

The <u>big</u> park was fun

### Adjectives in sentences

- She is happy
- He is tall
- The sun is hot
- The cake is delicious
- The cat is soft
- The balloon is red

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describing feelings (happy, sad, excited) physical characteristics (tall, short, thin)

The Adjective is one of the parts of speech that describes some extra information about the noun or a pronoun in a sentence.

Size	Texture	Shape	Fellings	Time
<b> ♥</b> Big	<b>  ✓</b> Smooth	<b> </b>	<b> </b>	<b>  ✓</b> Ancient
<b> </b>	<b> ✓</b> Soft	<b> </b>	<b>W</b> Happy	<b> ✓</b> Early
<b> <b>     ✓</b> Large</b>	<b> </b>	<b> </b> ✓ Flat	<b>              Funny</b>	<b> ✓</b> Fast
<b></b> ✓ Huge	<b>√</b> Woven	<b>      ✓ Sphere</b>	<b> </b>	<b>⊘</b> late
<b> <b>     ✓</b> Little</b>	<b> </b>	<b> ✓</b> Round	<b> </b>	<b>v</b> quick
<b> </b>	<b>  ✓</b> Slippery	<b>     ✓ Cone</b>	<b>  ✓</b> Sweet	<b> ✓</b> Rapid
<b> ✓ Tall</b>	<b> ✓</b> Fuzzy	<b></b> ✓ Oval	<b> </b>	<b> </b> ✓ Slow
<b> ▼Tiny</b>	<b> <b> </b></b>	<b></b> ✓ Wide	<b> </b>	<b>  ✓</b> Swift

# Adjectives - opposites

### Adjectives - opposites

- The elephant is <u>big</u>, but the mouse is <u>small</u>.
- In summer, the weather is <u>hot</u>, but in winter, it's <u>cold</u>.
- She was <u>happy</u> when she received a gift, but she became <u>sad</u> when it broke.
- The dishes are <u>clean</u> after washing, but they become <u>dirty</u> after a meal.
- My grandmother is <u>old</u>, but my little brother is <u>young</u>.

### Adjectives - opposites

- Long Short
- Big Small
- Tall Short
- Heavy Light
- Fast Slow
- Hot Cold
- Hard Soft
- Loud Quiet
- High Low
- Thick Thin

- Rich Poor
- Happy Sad
- Strong Weak
- Full Empty
- Open- Closed
- Clean Dirty
- Old Young
- Wet Dry
- Wide Narrow
- Expensive Cheap

A proper adjective is one derived from a proper noun.

- ► The English language
- ► The Indian Ocean
- ▶ The Victorian attitude

A descriptive, qualitative or attributive adjective is one that shows the kind and quality of a person or thing.

- ► A brave person
- A beautiful child
- ► A careful mother

Some are derived from nouns

- ▶ a law college
- ▶ a flower garden

A quantitative adjective is one that shows how much (quantity) of a thing is meant.

- ▶ I did not eat any apple,
- ▶ he ate much bread,
- you drink little milk

A quantitative adjective is always followed by a singular material or abstract noun.

A numeral adjective is one that shows the number or serial order of persons or things.

- ▶ **Definite numerals** show some exact number.
- ▶ Indefinite numerals do not show an exact number e.g. all, some, enough, none, many, few, several etc.

**Definite numerals** show some exact number.

- ► Cardinals (One, two, three, four)
- ▶ Ordinals (First, second, third, fourth)
- ► Multiplicative (Single, double, triple, quadruple)

A demonstrative adjective is one that points out which person or thing is meant

- ► this boy
- ▶ that person
- ► those men

A Distributive adjective is one that refers to each one of a number.

- ▶ each
- every
- either
- neither

An interrogative adjective is used to ask a question.

- ▶ Whose pen is this?
- ▶ What book is that?
- ▶ Which flower do you like best?

**Possessive adjective:** The words my, our, your, his, her, its, their, when used before a noun, are called possessive adjectives.

my, our, your, his, her, its, their
when used before a noun

## Examples of Adjectives

### Positive Feeling Words happy

### **Negative Feeling Words**

angry

bored

confused

hungry

sad

scared

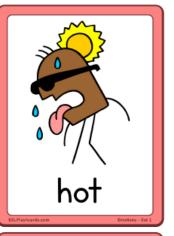
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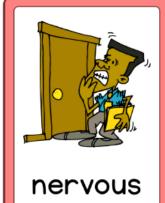
worried





















### **Positive Feeling Words**

happy excited OK

### **Negative Feeling Words**

hot

nervous

sad

scared

sick

tired

#### **Positive Feeling Words**

happy In love

#### **Negative Feeling Words**

angry

bored

confused

miserable

sad

scared

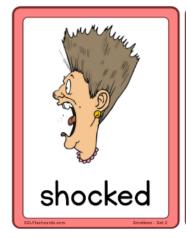
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#### **Context-Specific Words**

nervous

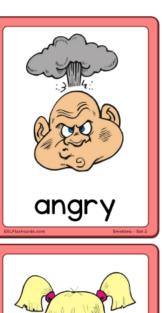
shocked

surprised



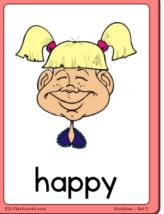






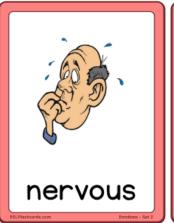




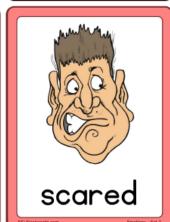












### feelings

Positive Feeling Words	<b>Negative Feeling Words</b>	Context-Specific Words
amazed	aggravated	anxious
attractive	awful	awestruck
bold	chilly	bashful
brave	dejected	cautious
bubbly	dirty	composed
cheerful	dreadful	easygoing
comfortable	heavy	horrified
delightful	irritated	intelligent
excited	pessimistic	numb
festive	tearful	puzzled
free	tense	quizzical
jolly	terrible	ravenous
optimistic	tired	reluctant
proud	ugly	settled
wonderful	weak	shy

### emotions

**Positive Words** 

appreciative

blissful

contented

ecstatic

elated

glad

happy

joyful

jubilant

merry

respectful

sweet

serene

upbeat

vivacious

**Negative Words** 

angry

disenchanted

distressed

glum

gloomy

grumpy

grouchy

miserable

mad

moody

nervous

sad

sadistic

selfish

sour

**Context-Specific Words** 

accepting

calm

confident

cool

earnest

easy

evenhanded

indifferent

neutral

nostalgic

passive

reserved

satisfied

sentimental

surprised

### tones

**Positive Words** agreeable bright clever encouraging fresh gentle hopeful kind loving open pleased supportive sympathetic

warm

**Negative Words** annoyed bitter disgruntled disgusted evil guilty hostile hurtful nasty obnoxious oppressive overbearing resentful

sarcastic

**Context-Specific Words** acerbic ambivalent ardent cautionary conciliatory knowledgeable mysterious pragmatic regretful resigned satirical secretive solemn strong

### Practice

adjectives

1 We use adjectives to describe people and things. Here are some examples:

old small friendly rich cheap

Look at these sentences:

I've bought an **old** table for my kitchen. My home town is **small** and **friendly**. We had lunch in a **cheap** restaurant.

- 2 The form of adjectives never changes: a rich man a rich woman two rich men
- 3 We put an adjective before a noun:

ADJECTIVE + NOUN

I saw a beautiful cat.

We put an adjective after be:

be + ADJECTIVE
They are hungry.

We sometimes use these verbs instead of be:

look feel taste smell sound

Here are some examples:
She looks happy.
This cheese tastes wonderful.
I feel cold.

When we use two adjectives before a noun, we put in a comma (,):

He's a nice, old man.

When we use two adjectives without a noun, we use and:

You look tired and hungry.

**5** When we use more than one adjective, there is a general guide to the correct order:

a new, green bag

a big, French house

a small, wooden table

We often use 'materials' as adjectives:

a cotton shirt a silver ring a plastic bag

6 Here are some common 'nationality' adjectives:

American	German	Portuguese
Australian	Greek	Russian
Chinese	Indian	Turkish
Dutch	Italian	South African
English	Japanese	Spanish
French	Polish	Swedish

There are twelve adjectives in this story. Underline them.

I went for a <u>long</u> walk in the countryside yesterday. It was a hot day, and soon I was tired and thirsty. There was a small house by the side of the road, and I decided to ask for a glass of cold water. I rang the bell and an old lady opened the big, wooden door. She looked kind and she offered me a glass of fresh juice. It tasted great!

Put adjectives from the box in these sentences.

h	ngry new terrible <del>expensive</del> sad wonderful Itali	a
0	Gold rings are normally <u>expensive</u> .	
1	This food smells! I love fish and chips.	
2	t was a exam. I'm sure I haven't passed.	
3	ve just bought a sports car.	
4	met my wife in Rome, but she isn't	
5	He looks I don't think he likes his job.	
6	Are you? Shall I buy some sandwiches?	
7	This orange juice tastes Is it?	

difficult

fresh

# speaking / pronunciation practice

### /b/ - as in "bat"

- 1. Bat
- 2. Bag
- 3. Bell
- 4. Bird
- 5. Box
- 6. Bake
- 7. Bed
- 8. Buck
- 9. Boat
- 10. Bear

### /d/ - as in "dog"

- 1. Dog
- 2. Dot
- 3. Duck
- 4. Doll
- 5. Door
- 6. Dad
- 7. Desk
- 8. Dive
- 9. Dry
- 10. Drum

### /g/ - as in "go"

- 1. Go
- 2. Get
- 3. Girl
- 4. Gas
- 5. Golf
- 6. Give
- 7. Grin
- 8. Glad
- 9. Goal
- 10. Gaze

### /j/ - as in "yes"

- 1. Yes
- 2. Yellow
- 3. You
- 4. Yarn
- 5. Yell
- 6. Year
- 7. Yawn
- 8. Yield
- 9. Yolk
- 10. Yacht

### /w/ - as in "wet"

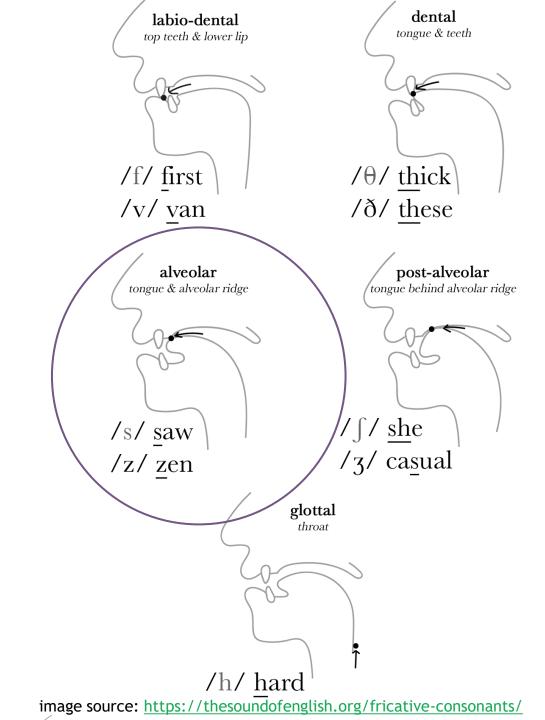
- 1. Wet
- 2. Win
- 3. Wok
- 4. Wall
- 5. Wind
- 6. We
- 7. Well
- 8. Whale
- 9. Wait
- 10. Wax

## /v/ - as in "vase"

- 1. Vase
- 2. Van
- 3. Vote
- 4. Vine
- 5. Vest
- 6. Very
- 7. Vow
- 8. Vent
- 9. View
- 10. Voice

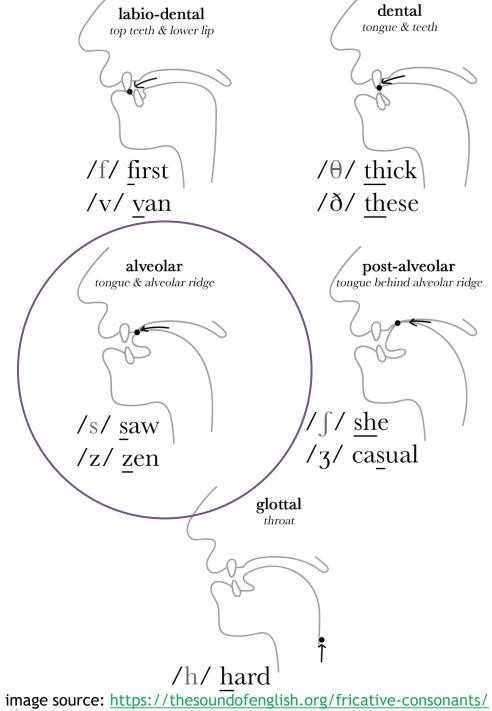
### /s/ - as in "sit"

- 1. Sit
- 2. Sun
- 3. Sock
- 4. Seal
- 5. Soap
- 6. See
- 7. Sad
- 8. Safe
- 9. So
- 10. Sound



## /z/ - as in "zip"

- 1. Zoo
- Zap
- 3. Zero
- 4. Zebra
- 5. Zest
- Zigzag
- 7. Zeal
- 8. Zombie



Listening practice

Silent Night - adjectives

task

song

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## comparatives & superlatives

## Comparative & Superlative Adjectives

	<u>comparative</u>	<u>superlative</u>
amounts	more	most
high	higher	highest
big	bigger	biggest
fast	faster	fastest
(good)	better	best
(bad)	worse	worst



## COMPARATIVE

and SUPERLATIVE

ADJECTIVES









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## Adjectives

word	ending	<u>comparative</u>	<u>superlative</u>	
		-er	-est	
cute	-e	cuter	cutest	
big	-g	bigger	biggest	
short	-rt	shorter	shortest	
sweet	-eet	sweeter	sweetest	
shiny	-y	shinier	shiniest	

magnificent more magnificent most magnificent

1 Look at the way we compare things:



The Plaza Hotel is **cheaper than** the Excelsior. The Excelsior Hotel is **bigger than** the Plaza. The Excelsior is **more expensive than** the Plaza. The Plaza Hotel is **smaller than** the Excelsior.

- **2** Cheaper and more expensive are comparative adjectives. We form them like this:
  - ▶ short adjectives (one syllable):

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE
old	older
long	longer
nice	nicer
new	newer
slow	slower
fat	fatter
hot	hotter
big	bigger
-	

▶ long adjectives (two syllables or more):

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE
famous	more famous
difficult	more difficult
careful	more careful
expensive	more expensive
<del>-</del> '	

▶ adjectives ending with -y:

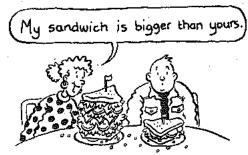
happy	happier	
hungry	hungrie	r

➤ irregular adjectives:

good	better
bad	worse

(For more information, see Table F, page 97.)

**3** To compare things, we use a comparative adjective + **than**:

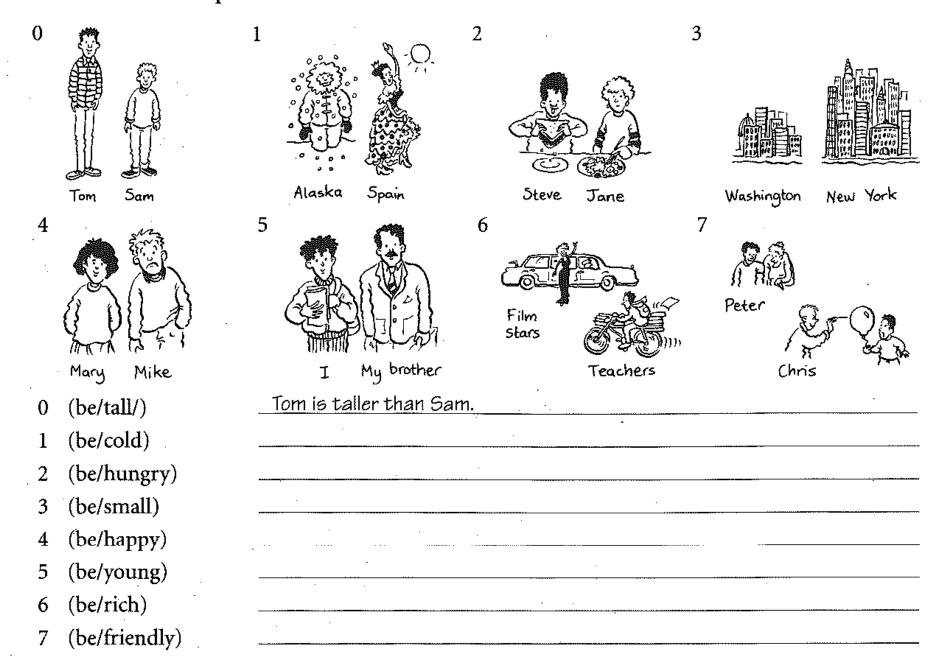


Tom is **richer than** Paul.

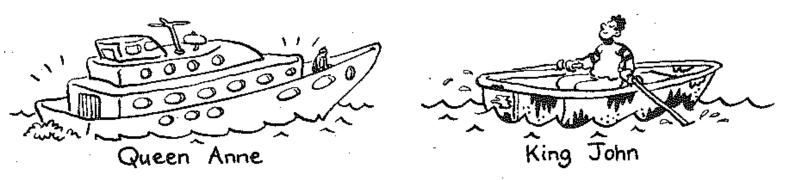
Paris is **more beautiful than** London.

My new car is **better than** my old one.

B Write comparative sentences about the pictures using *than* and the words in brackets (). Use the Present Simple.



## C Look at these two boats, the Queen Anne and the King John.



## Now put words from the box in the sentences.

H	Cing John (x2) Queen Anne (x2)	<del>-bigger</del> longer	slower expensive	is more	than	
0	The Queen Anne i	s <u>bigger</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	than the K	Cing John	<b>.</b> .
1	The King John is si	maller	,	the (	Queen Ar	ine.
2	The Queen Anne i	S		modern tl	han the K	ing John.
3	3 The King John		older than the Queen Anne.			
4	The		_ is faster than th	ne		
.5	The Queen Anne i	s more	· .	thar	the King	g John.
6	The King John is _	-	th	an the Qu	een Anne	<b>:</b> .
7	The		$_{-}$ is cheaper than	the		
8	The Queen Anne i	s		than the K	Ging John	l <b>.</b>

- 1 Read this telephone conversation:
  - A: Tourist Information. Can I help?
  - B: Yes, please. I'm coming to Wentbridge this weekend, and I'm looking for a good hotel.
  - A: Well, the Scotsman is the oldest hotel in Wentbridge, but it's also the most expensive. The Castle is the most beautiful. The Prince is the newest and the biggest ...
- 2 Oldest, most expensive, newest are superlative adjectives. We form superlative adjectives with -est or most. Look at this table:

ADJECTIVE	SUPERLATIVE
cheap	the cheapest
big	the biggest
sad	the saddest
famous	the most famous
difficult	the most difficult
hungry	the hungriest
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### Good and bad are irregular:

good	the best
bad	the worst

3 We usually use **the** before the superlative: London is **the biggest** city in England. The Taj Mahal is **the most beautiful** building in the world.

Note that we use **in** (not **of**) for places after the superlative:

...the **richest** man **in** Europe. (Not... of Europe.)

We do not always use a noun after a superlative adjective:

George and Mary have three children. Mike is **the oldest**.

A: Which table did you buy?

B: The most expensive.

We often use the Present Perfect with ever after the superlative:

That was the best film I've ever seen.

A: How was your holiday?

B: Fantastic! Iceland is the **most** beautiful country **I've ever visited**.

A Put the words in brackets () in the right order to make sentences.

0 (the world – Antarctica – coldest – is – place – the – in)

Antarctica is the coldest place in the world.

1 (city - the - Manchester - in England - is - friendliest)

2 (in New York – expensive – restaurant – The Manhattan – the – is – most)

3 (is - river - the world - the - The Nile - longest - in)

4 (town-most-in Spain-Granada-beautiful-is-the)

5 (painting – The Mona Lisa – the – famous – in – is – most – the world)

6 (the - Europe - mountain - in - highest - Mont Blanc - is)

## Order of Adjectives

## What is an Adjective

The Adjective is one of the parts of speech that describes some extra information about the noun or a pronoun in a sentence.

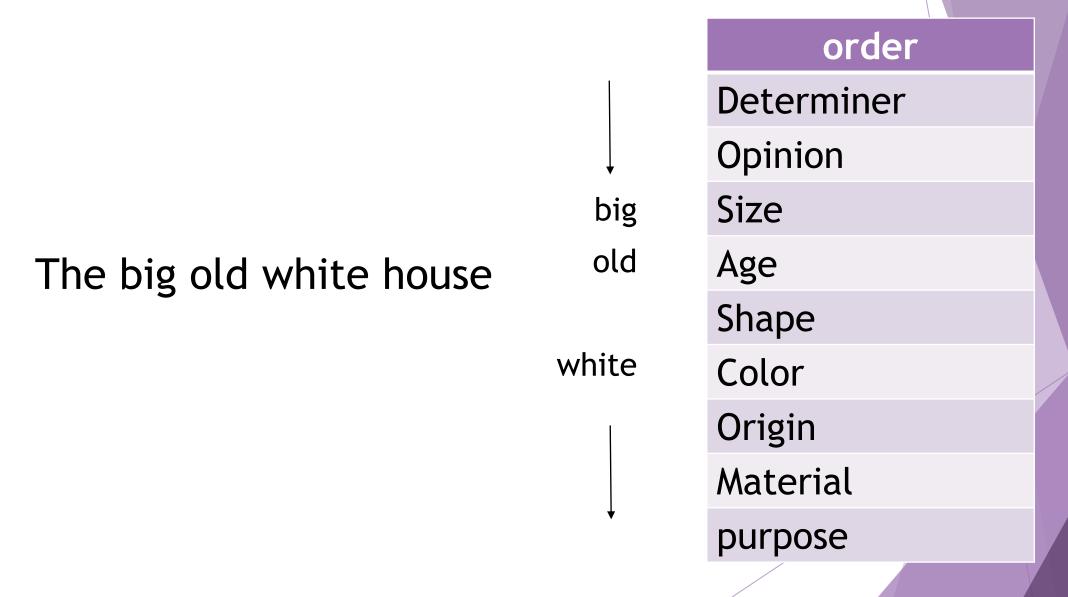
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House - old, big, white

How do we know the order?

The big old white house



order Determiner the Opinion Size big old Age The big old white brick house Shape white Color Origin brick Material purpose

		order
	the	Determiner
		Opinion
	big	Size
The big old tall	old	Age
white brick house	tall	Shape
	white	Color
		Origin
	brick	Material
		purpose
		purpose

## examples

order **Determiner** the Opinion beautiful Size big old Age tall Shape white Color Thai Origin brick Material farm purpose

## Same group - use a comma

a

A tall, thin man

tall, thin

order

Determiner

Opinion

Size

Age

Shape

Color

Origin

Material

purpose

## Adjectives- using a comma

Same 'category'
Try swapping them

A tall, thin man A thin, tall man

called coordinated adjectives

## Practice

order of adjectives

	ook at these sentences. If you think the adjectives are in the wrong order, ange the order. If you think the order is correct, put a tick (🗸) .
0	She lost a <b>gold, small</b> ring at the disco yesterday night. <u>small, gold</u>
0	I have an old, Italian painting in my living-room.
1	I'm looking for my cotton, green shirt and my brown, leather shoes.
2	George has a Spanish, modern villa near the sea. He goes there every summer
3	I live in an old, white house near the river. I've got a black, large dog!
4	I had an interesting talk with a Polish, young student last week.
5	We are having lunch in a big, Japanese, new restaurant in the centre of town.
6	I left all my books in a <u>red, plastic</u> bag on the bus. I was so stupid!

# Thank you! any questions?

3		ll the gaps in these dialogues, using <i>the</i> and the superlative form of the ord in brackets.
	0	A: Which cities did you visit?
		B: Bath, Oxford and York.
		A: And which did you like best?
		B: I thought that Bath was the most beautiful (beautiful).
	1	A: Have you finished all your exams?
		B: Yes, I did the last one today.
		A: Was it difficult?
		B: Yes. It was (bad).
	2	A: It's your birthday, isn't it?
		B: Yes. I'm 25 today.
		A: Shall we go to Maxime's tonight?
		B: Are you sure? It's (expensive) restaurant in town!
	3	A: Can I help you?
		B: Yes, I want to fly to Los Angeles.
		How much are (cheap) tickets?
	4	A: Did you enjoy that?
		B: Yes. It was (delicious) meal I've ever eaten.
	5	A: What are you going to see?
		B: We're going to see 'The Winner'.
		It's (good) film in London at the moment.
	6	A: You must visit the castle before you leave.
		B: Why?
		A: It's (old) castle in England.
	7	A: Would you, or John or Michael, like the last sandwich?
		B: Me please; I'm (hungry).
	8	A: Which jumper is (nice)?
	-	B: I don't know. They're all wonderful!
		•