

## *The with "Ranking" Adjectives*

1. The plus the superlatives of adjectives:

She is the best cook I know.

They bought the most expensive furniture in the store.

The richest are not always the happiest.

(Superlatives of adjectives used as nouns)

2. Tire plus ordinals:

the fifth row; the ninth day; the third chapter (but chapter three)

3. The plus adjectives in a time or space sequence--the next, the following, the last

A student in the last row was asleep.

He arrived in town on Wednesday. On the next (or the following) day he gave his lecture.

Compare with:      He will give his lecture next week.  
                                 He gave his lecture last week.

4. Tire plus other adjectives that rank nouns--chief, principal, main, only

The chief reason for his resignation was his bad health.

He is the only person who can do this job.

A. Give the superlative of the word in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: a. She is (lazy) student in the class

                         She is the laziest student in the class.

                         b. This is (delicious) cake I have ever tasted.

                                 This is the most delicious cake I have ever tasted.

1. He sometimes does (childish) things I have ever seen.
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2. Go to Universal Printers; they will do (efficient) and (quick) job for you.
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3. (Successful) people are often those who are (ambitious).

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4. (Wealthy) people in the community contributed (much) money for the new wing of the hospital.

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B. Give the ordinal of the figure in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: This is (5) year we have spent our vacation here.

*This is the fifth year we have spent our vacation here.*

1. He has almost finished writing (9) chapter.

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2. The meeting is scheduled for May (2). (two possibilities)

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3. She bought (2) dress she tried on.

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4. The office you're looking for is (3) door to the right.

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5. She can never do anything right (1) time.

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C. Use the, a, or no article with the word in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: This is (last) time I will ever shop in that store.

*This is the last time I will ever shop in that store.*

1. (Last) week marked the beginning of the rainy season.

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2. On (last) week of the sale, prices were reduced still further.

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3. We are moving (next) month.

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4. The party lasted a long time. On (next) day everyone was tired.

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5. (Only) excuse I can give for my rude behavior is that I was not feeling well.

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6. He made (only) one mistake.

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7. (Only) restaurant that is open now is five miles from here.

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8. (Chief) concern of this office is with legal matters.

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9. (Principal) exports of that country are coffee and rubber.

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