

## Le superlatif :

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You're the best!

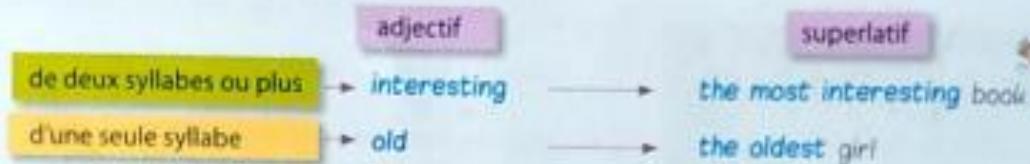


## Le superlatif en anglais

Quand tu dis **le livre le plus intéressant** et **la fille la plus âgée**, tu es en train d'employer le « superlatif ». Regarde comment on dit la même chose en anglais.

This is **the most interesting** museum in the city.  
C'est le musée le plus intéressant de la ville.

Zoe is the oldest girl in my class.  
Zoe est la fille la plus âgée de ma classe.



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Complète les phrases suivantes en mettant les adjectifs au superlatif.

- A lot of people say that Paris is **the most beautiful** city in the world.
  - Some of ..... marathon runners in the world come from Ethiopia.
  - Mont Blanc is ..... mountain in France.
  - I haven't got much money – what's ..... ticket I can buy?
  - The Loire is ..... river in France.
  - The Notting Hill carnival is one of ..... events in Britain.



**Be careful!!**

### Quelques adjectifs à deux syllabes prennent -est

Les plus courants sont

**easy** → the easiest  
(facile)

clever → the cleverest  
(intelligent)

**friendly** → *the friendlies*  
(chaleureux, accueillant)

**simple** → the **simplest**  
(simple)

narrow → the narrowest

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Complète les phrases avec "the best"  
ou "the worst".

- Some Chinese cities have **the worst** pollution in the world.
  - Canyoning was ..... experience of my holiday. I loved it!
  - I saw a TV programme about ..... prisons in the world.
  - My friends say it's ..... restaurant in London, so I never go there.
  - I really like this café because they serve ..... coffee in town.
  - My brother won a prize in a competition for ..... photograph.
  - ..... way to get to London from Paris is to take the train.

Remet les phrases suivantes dans l'ordre :

1. Biggest / the / Noumea / is / city / in / New Caledonia
2. December / of / year / the / is / hottest / month / the
3. The / popular / fishing / most / is / water / sport
4. Closest / is / Australia / country / the/ New Caledonia / to
5. Island / sunniest / it / the / the / in / Pacific / is

Complète le texte en mettant les adjectifs entre parenthèses au superlatif :

Football is ..... (popular) sport on the planet. Professional football players are ..... (rich) sportsmen and they have one of ..... (hard) diets.

The world cup is ..... (big) sport event and it is ..... (watched) sport program on TV. For many kids football is ..... (good) sport because it's ..... (easy) to play. You just need a ball and some friends. It is definitely ..... (interesting) sport.

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# Why were you late?



## Parler du passé avec « be »

Révisons les formes de **be** au passé :

I	he	she	it	you	we	they
			<b>was</b>			<b>were</b>



Pour dire **il y avait...** et **il y a eu...**, on emploie **there was** suivi d'un singulier ou d'un indénombrable et **there were** suivi d'un pluriel :

**There was** a problem. → singulier Il y a eu un problème.

**There was** some water. → indénombrable Il y a eu de l'eau.

**There were** three problems. → pluriel Il y a eu trois problèmes.



### Be careful!

Ne confonds pas **they were** (ils étaient) avec **there were** (il y avait + pluriel) !



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### Complète les phrases avec "was" ou "were".

- I **wasn't** very well last week.
- Mum and Dad ..... in London yesterday.
- You ..... right! Nobody saw me!
- ..... your grandparents French?
- I ..... n't sure that they knew.
- Why ..... your friends late this morning?

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### Complète les phrases avec "there was",

"there were" ou "they were".

- **There was** no hot water in the shower this morning.
- Where are my glasses? ..... on my desk last night.
- ..... a message for me when I checked my e-mail.
- ..... twenty people at the party.
- ..... a lot of nice food to eat.
- I phoned my parents and ..... very happy.
- ..... n't many televisions when my grandma was young.



### Be careful!

On ne traduit pas toujours **be** par **être** :

**I was cold** = j'avais froid

**I was hot** = j'avais chaud

**I was hungry** = j'avais faim

**I was thirsty** = j'avais soif

**I was afraid** = j'avais peur

**You were right** = tu avais raison

**You were wrong** = tu avais tort

# A SIGHTSEEING HOLIDAY IN PARIS

**Task 1:** Complete the table with the appropriate verb forms:

Present	Past
buy	bought
do / does	went
feel	felt
find	sold
get	were
go	spent
have	was

Present	Past
(be) is	was
(be) are	were
see	saw
sell	sold
spend	spent
take	took
think	thought

**Task 2:** Read the text and underline all the verbs you can recognise:



In May, I go on holiday to Paris with my friend. We have a great time there. In the first few days, we do a lot of sightseeing. We see many beautiful places like the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and other usual tourist attractions. I take hundreds of photos. One day we get lost on our way back to the hotel. It doesn't matter because we find a really good market with lots of little stalls. They sell just about everything from apples to antiques. We buy many lovely souvenirs there. We spend a lot of money, but I feel very happy. I think those are the best days. Paris is worth visiting.

What verb form (tense) is used throughout the text? Is that the best choice? Why?

**Task 3:** Rewrite the text using the Past Simple forms of the verbs:

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## 1/ Mets les phrases suivantes au préterit

- My sister is at home → At 8 pm, my sister.....
- He's got an idea → This morning, he .....
- They play tennis in the garden → Yesterday, they.....
- My sister goes to school by bus → Last Monday, .....
- They eat at home with their parents →.....
- I am in London → Last week, I .....
- I visit London every year → Last year, I.....
- I watch tv every night → Last night, I .....

## 2/ Entoure les verbes et écris le contraire de la phrase avec ou sans – NOT-

- Yesterday, I watched TV → .....
- I went to London last year → .....
- We visited the British museum → .....
- We didn't see the queen → .....
- My parents had dinner in a nice restaurant → .....
- We didn't watch the changing of the guard → .....
- We didn't like the holidays in London → we .....