

Grammar

Superlative adjectives

Short adjectives: *the + est*

- young → the youngest
- nice → the nicest
- big → the biggest
- ugly → the ugliest

Long adjectives: *the most + adjective*

- famous → the most famous
- expensive → the most expensive

Irregular forms

- good → the best
- bad → the worst
- far → the furthest

1 Complete the questions about your family with superlative adjectives.

- a) Who's *the youngest*? (young)
- b) Who's _____? (old)
- c) Who's _____? (interesting)
- d) Who's _____? (lucky)
- e) Who's _____? (bad driver)
- f) Who's _____? (good cook)



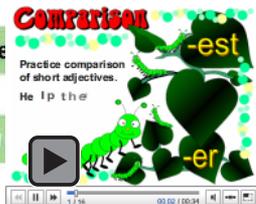
Listen, check and repeat.



2 Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 1 about your family.

Who's the youngest person in your family?

My niece, Magda. She's five months old.



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Watch the explanation and do the exercises.

Reading

1 Look at the objects. In your opinion, which are the most common things to lose?



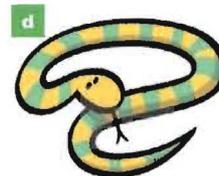
keys



a TV remote control



a handbag



a pet snake



money



a mobile phone



glasses



a passport

2  Read the article and check your ideas.



Lost property

The average person in Britain spends a year of their life looking for lost objects. Monday is the most common day to lose things.

Research at the University of Central Lancashire shows what men and women do when they lose things. One in five women cry, and more than a quarter of men swear. Some women become violent.

The objects that people are most likely to lose are money, keys and the TV remote control. People hardly ever lose their passport.

Half the people interviewed said they would like to lose boring friends!

3 Work in small groups. Discuss the questions.

- a) Which things from Exercise 1 do you have with you now / at home / at work or school?
- b) Which things do you often lose / sometimes lose / never lose?
- c) When was the last time you lost something? What happened? Where did you find it?



Chapter Twelve: A Visit to Woodston

Transcript



A week passed. On Thursday morning, Catherine was talking to Henry and Eleanor. A letter arrived for her. It was from James. He was in Oxford.

Oxford

Dear Catherine,

I left Isabella in Bath yesterday. I will never see her again. She will not wait for me. She will not wait two years. She is going to marry Captain Tilney. Is he at Northanger Abbey? Please do not speak to him.

My dear sister, think carefully about people. Do not fall in love.

Your brother

James

Catherine read the letter. She started to cry.

'My dear Miss Morland!' Henry said. 'What is wrong?'

'Dear Catherine, can I help you?' Eleanor asked.

'James is very unhappy,' Catherine replied. 'Isabella Thorpe is not going to marry him. She is going to marry your brother, Captain Frederick Tilney. Please read the letter, both of you.'

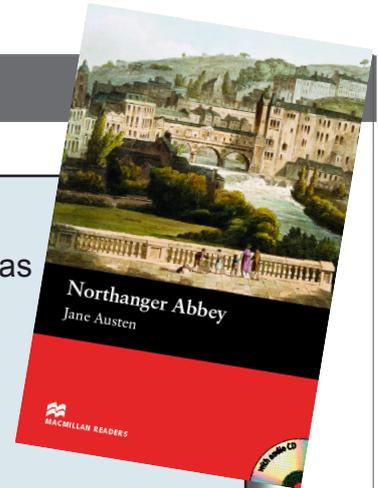
'Isabella is not a good person,' Eleanor said. 'She has not been a good friend.'

On Saturday, Henry was going back to Woodston.

'We will all visit you next Wednesday, Henry,' General Tilney said. 'We will come at eleven o'clock.'

Catherine wanted to see Henry again. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday passed slowly. At last, Wednesday came. Catherine, Eleanor and General Tilney got into the General's carriage. Soon they were in the pretty village of Woodston.

The carriage stopped outside a modern house. Henry was waiting for them.



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‘Do you like my son’s house, Miss Morland?’ the General asked. ‘It is not large. But it is big enough for a young man. Show Catherine all the rooms, Henry.’

Catherine liked the house very much. One of the rooms downstairs was empty.

‘What a pretty room!’ Catherine said. ‘You can see the garden from this big window. It is a beautiful view. Why don’t you use this room, Mr Tilney? It is the best room in the house.’

The General smiled.

‘One day, there will be a lady in the house,’ he said. And he smiled again.

‘Now show us the garden, Henry,’ he said.

Catherine was very happy. The General wanted her to marry Henry. But what did Henry think? Catherine did not know.

Everybody walked in the garden. Catherine liked everything – every flower and every tree. She walked happily next to Henry.

Later, Catherine and the Tilneys looked at Henry’s horses. Then they walked through the village. After that, they had dinner.

Soon, it was time to go.

‘Have you enjoyed your visit, Miss Morland?’ the General asked. ‘Do you like my son’s house?’

‘Oh, yes,’ Catherine replied. ‘I like it very much.’

‘Will you come again?’ the General asked. ‘You will always be welcome here – and at Northanger Abbey.’

Catherine did not speak. But she understood.

‘General Tilney likes me,’ she said to herself. ‘But does Henry love me? Does he want to marry me?’

