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Time: 15 minutes

Procedure:

I Let your students take this quiz:

- 1. Name the most beautiful woman in the world
- 2. Name the two wealthiest persons in the world
- 3. Name the best actor/ actress/ singer
- 4. Name the ugliest animal in the world
- 5. Name the longest river in the world
- 6. Name the highest mountain in the world
- 7. Name the highest tree in the world
- 8. Name the most dangerous animal in the world
- 9. Name the most difficult job in the world
- 10. Name the worst film they have ever seen

II Let your students make five more quiz entries with known adjectives:

1.	Name the
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III Pair work: Put your students into pair and let them discuss their answers. Then put them in fours and let the groups agree/ disagree on their answers. This should raise enough material for the discussion.

IV Feedback: Let the groups report back to the class giving their reasons for the particular choice.

Superlatives Quiz

1. What is the coldest place a. the Arctic		c. Siberia
2. What is the oldest contin	auously inhabited city i b. Athens	n the world? c. Damascus
3. What is the most crowde a. Monaco	d country in the world b. Singapore	c. Bangladesh
4. What is the least densely a. Canada	populated country in t b. Australia	the world? c. Mongolia
5. What is the largest ocean a. the Pacific	in the world? b. the Atlantic	c. the Indian Ocean
6. What is the largest deser	t in the world? b. the Gobi	c. the Antarctic
7. What is the heaviest anima. rhinoceros	nal on Earth? b. hippopotamus	c. elephant
second most dangerous A	African animal?	animal in Africa. What is the
a. lion	b. crocodile	c. hippopotamus
9. Which animal has the lor a. giant tortoise	•	c. parrot
10. Which country has the 1	most visitors each year	?
a. Italy	b. France	c. China
11. What is the world's busi a. Shinjuku, Tokyo b. Gr		ne most passengers daily)? c. Gard du Nord, Paris
12. Which American city ha	s the world's busiest ai b. New York	rport? c. Atlanta
13. How heavy was the heav		
a. 335kg	b. 635kg	c. 935kg
14. What was the first coun	try to give women the r b. New Zealand	right to vote? c. Saudi Arabia
		or budger report
15. What is the highest mou	b. Chomolungma	c. Sagarmatha

Superlatives Quiz

Answer Key

- 1. b. the Antarctic
- 2. c. Damascus
- 3. a. Monaco
- 4. c. Mongolia
- 5. a. the Pacific
- 6. c. the Antarctic (deserts do not have to be hot!)
- 7. c. elephant
- 8. c. hippopotamus
- 9. a. giant tortoise
- 10. b. France
- 11. a. Shinjuku, Tokyo
- 12. c. Atlanta
- 13. b. 635kg
- 14. b. New Zealand
- 15. a. Mt. Everest b. Chomolungma c. Sagarmatha (These are, of course, three names for the same mountain, Chomolungma being the Tibetan name, Sagarmatha the Nepalese.)

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