

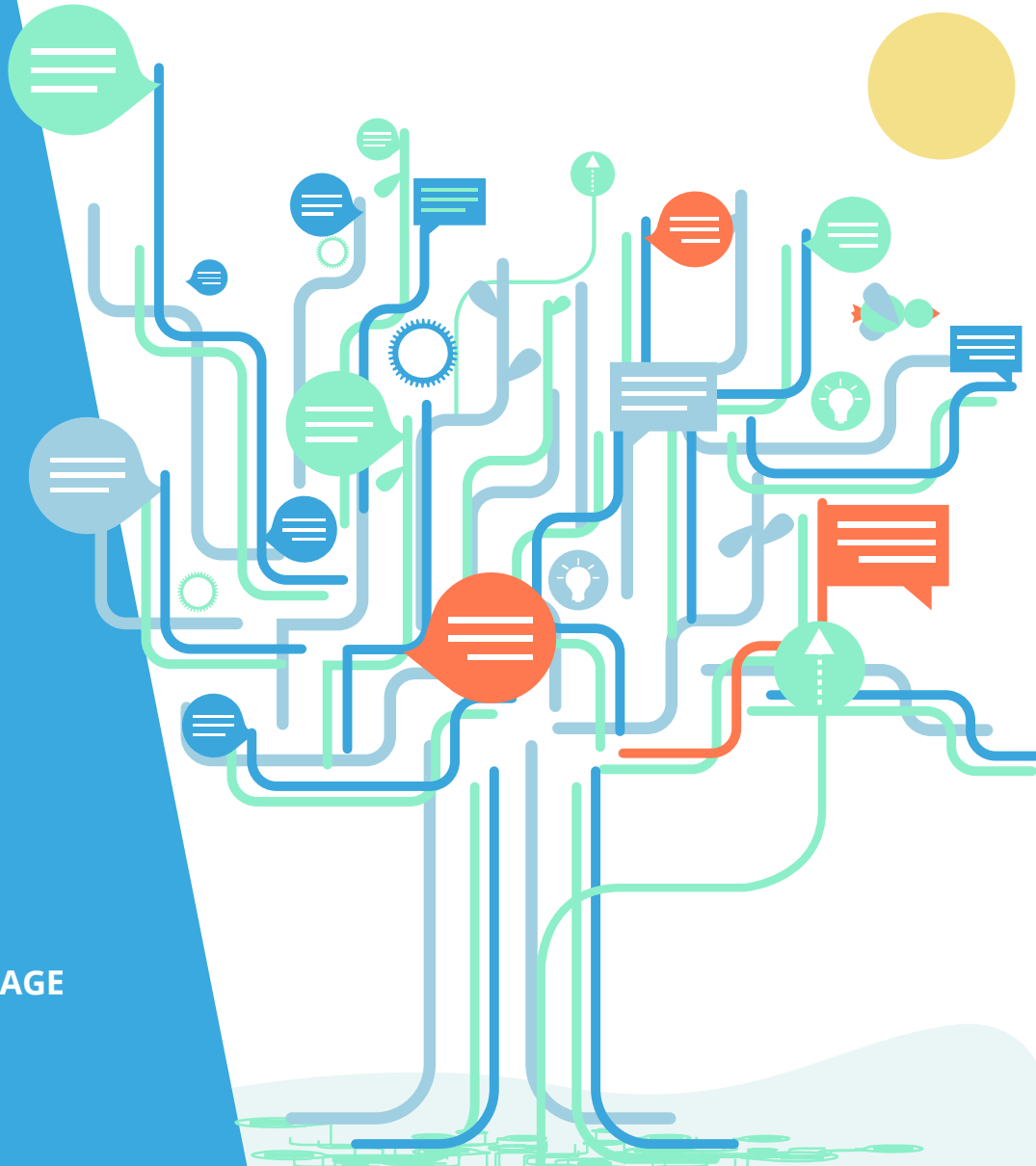
The superlative of adjectives

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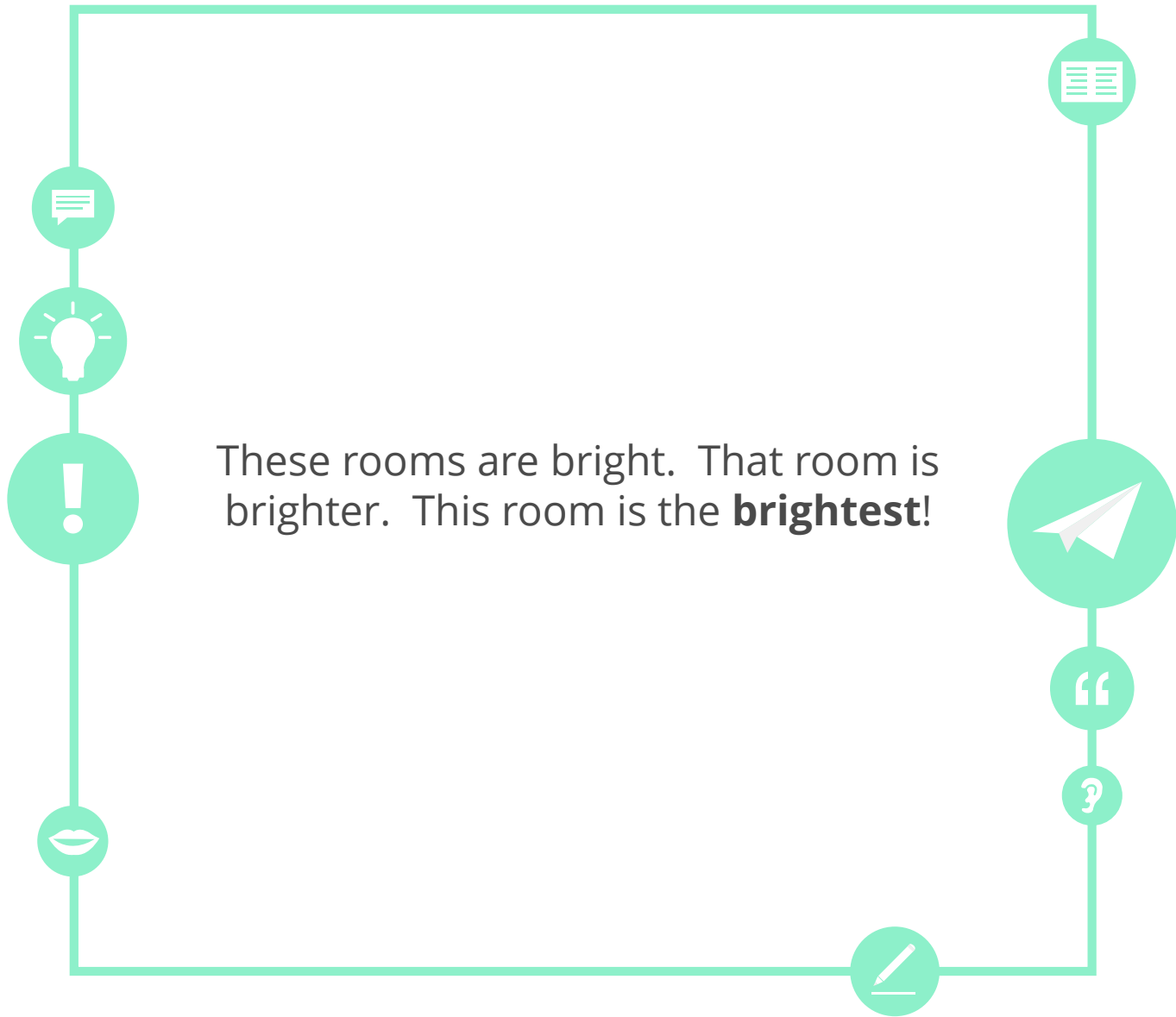




Goals

- Learn how to form superlative adjectives
- Practise using superlative adjectives to talk about your home.







Forming the superlative

When something is superlative it means that it is the greatest within a set group of nouns.

We add **-est** to form the superlative and also use the definite article **the** in order to separate the noun from the rest of its group.

big	→	the biggest
smart	→	the smartest
cold	→	the coldest
long	→	the longest
strict	→	the strictest



Change *-y* to *-i*

If the word ends in *-y*, we change it to *-i* and then add *-est*.

adjective	comparative (-er)	superlative (-est)
lazy	lazier	the laziest
noisy	noisier	the noisiest
messy	messier	the messiest
tidy	tidier	the tidiest



Comparative or superlative?

comparative

superlative

brighter



smaller



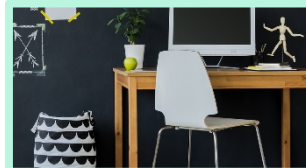
biggest



darker



the darkest



the brightest



bigger



the smallest





Comparative vs superlative

1. My sister has two children. Her son is _____ than her daughter.

a. older

b. oldest

2. There are three rooms in the office. The storage room is the _____.

a. darker

b. darkest

3. Steve's house has a garden and a balcony. The balcony is _____ than the garden.

a. bigger

b. biggest

4. I moved to the countryside because I wanted to live in a _____ town.

a. smaller

b. smallest



Comparative v. Superlative

1. Of all the books I have ever read, this one was the _____.

a. funnier

b. funniest.

2. My dog is the _____ dog in the neighbourhood.

a. loudest

b. darker

3. You have the _____ voice in the entire class.

a. loudest

b. longest

4. Yesterday I travelled from Thailand to New York. It was the _____ journey I've ever made.

a. longer

b. longest



Open practice

Finish the sentences with a superlative of your choice

1. I love this film. It's the...

2. You have...

3. These flowers are...

4. Their rabbit is...

5. Antarctica is...



Comparative or superlative?

	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
1. That is the noisiest baby!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. This apartment is quieter than that one.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Those are the messiest bedrooms!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Your house is tidier than my house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. My kitchen is brighter than my bathroom.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Comparative or superlative?

comparative	superlative
_____	_____
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_____	_____

quieter

tidier

tidiest

brightest

noisiest

messiest

noisier

quietest

brighter

messier



Practice saying these words

A

messier

B

messiest

C

noisier

D

noisiest



Practice forming the superlative

1. This bedroom is messy.

→ This is the messiest **bedroom**.

2. That bedroom is tidy.

→ _____

3. This apartment is noisy.

→ _____

4. Your dog is cute.

→ _____

5. My mobile phone is new.

→ _____



Using *most*

For longer words, we use **the most** and we don't add **-est**.

adjective	comparative (-er)	superlative (-est)
cheap	cheaper	the cheapest
expensive	more expensive	the most expensive
traditional	more traditional	the most traditional
contemporary	more contemporary	the most contemporary



Using *least*

We also use **least** to form superlatives.

adjective	comparative	superlative
cheap	cheaper	the cheapest
expensive	less expensive	the least expensive
traditional	less traditional	the least traditional
contemporary	less contemporary	the least contemporary



Put these words on the right list

expensive

quiet

cheap

dark

messy

bright

noisy

traditional

tidy

small

contemporary

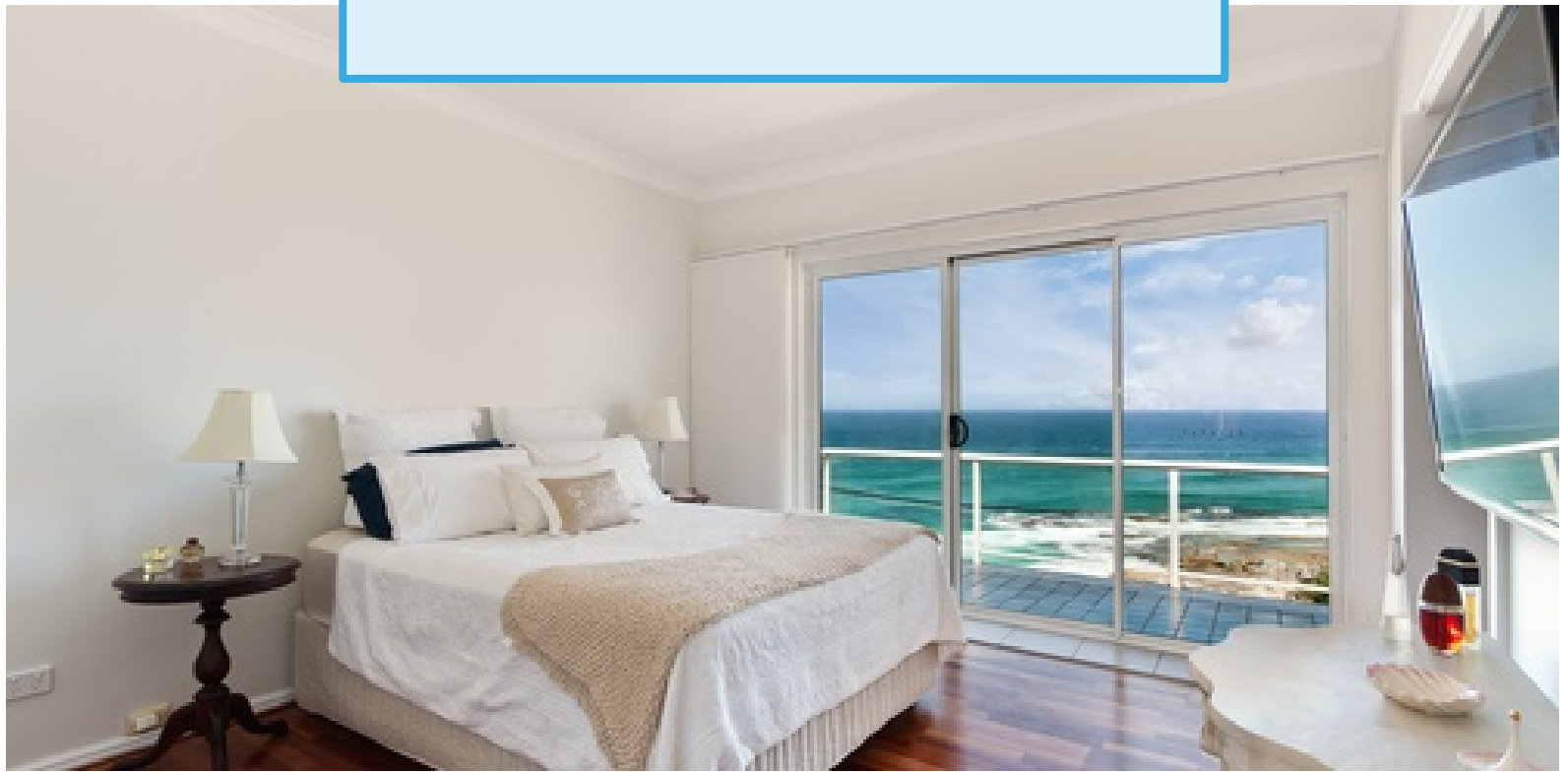
big

-est

-iest

most...

nice



That is the **nicest** view I've ever seen!

quiet



She is the **quietest** student in the class.

expensive



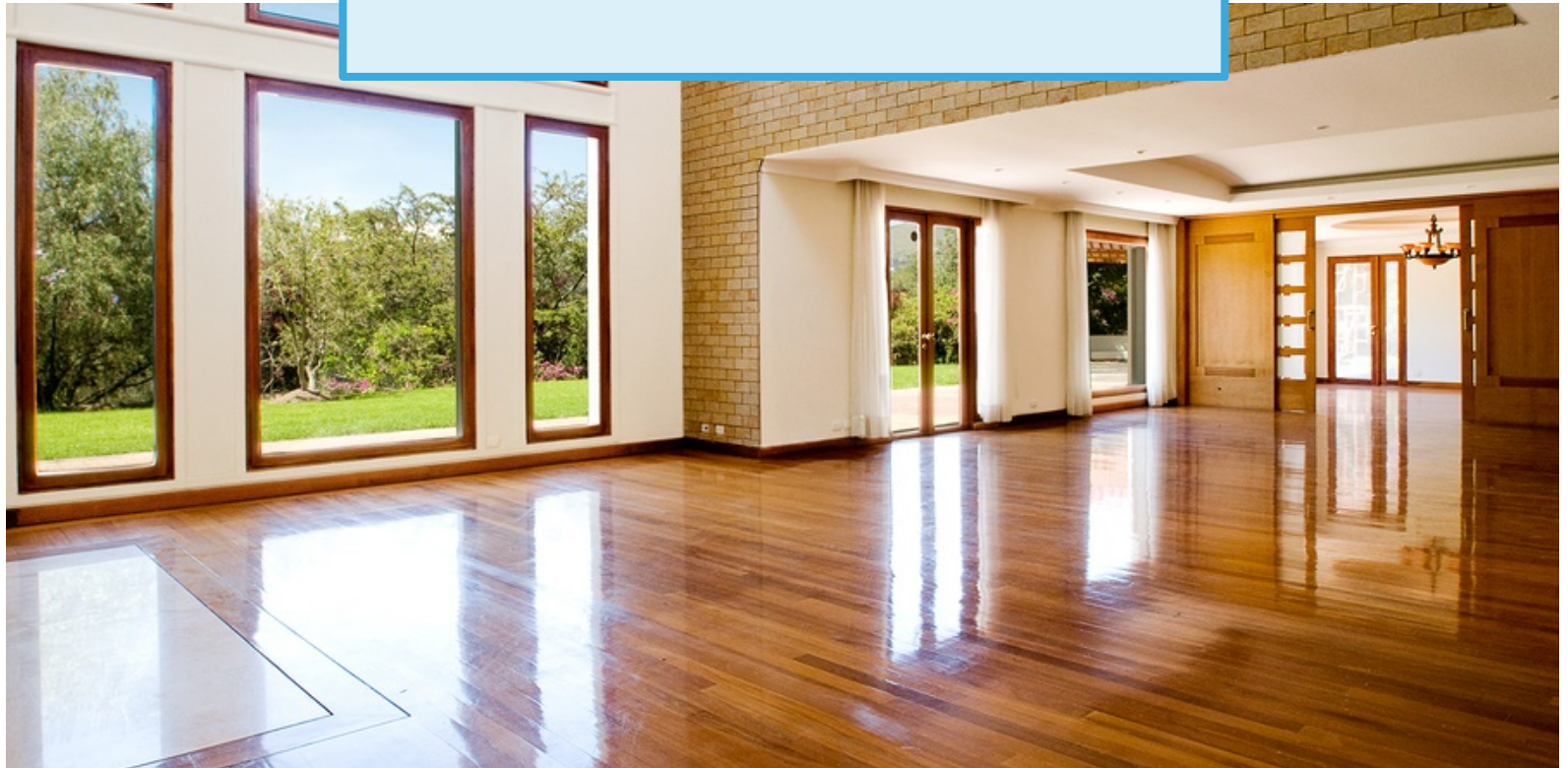
This is the **most expensive** computer I've ever bought.

fast



I am the **fastest!**

bright



This is the **brightest** room in my new house.



Compare these homes

A



B



C



D





Speaking activity

- Ask each other questions about the pictures on the previous slide. For example:
 - Which room is the messiest?
 - Which do you think is the most modern?
 - Which one has the nicest view?

The room in picture A looks cosiest.



Jack and Jane

cutest

noisiest

messiest

happiest

biggest

best



Jane



Jack

quietest

smallest

hungriest

funniest

grumpiest

strongest



Jack and Jane



Jack: I'm the best baker in the whole family!

Jane: No you're not. I'm the best. I always make the tastiest cakes!

Jack: Your cakes aren't tasty at all. And you always make a mess in the kitchen. You are the messiest person I know!

Jane: That's the biggest lie I've ever heard. I am much tidier than you. Your bedroom is the messiest room in the whole house.

Jack: Stay out of my bedroom!



Speaking activity

Jack and Jane are twins. They always argue about who is the best at doing different things.

Use the words from the previous slides to talk about your own family.

My brother is the noisiest. He is a drummer!



Combine the words to make sentences

A



orange

B



baby

C



beach

D



flower

1. nicest

2. happiest

3. most delicious

4. warmest

I think that roses are the nicest flowers.



Combine the words to make sentences

A



kitchen

B



garden

C



phone

D



suitcase

1. **tidiest**

2. **messiest**

3. **newest**

4. **fullest**

*We have the **tidiest**
garden in the
neighbourhood!*



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no

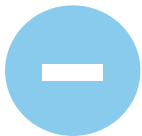
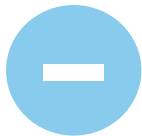




Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise p. 6: comparative: brighter, smaller, darker, bigger; superlative: biggest, darkest, brightest, smallest

Exercise p. 7: 1. a 2. b 3. a 4. b

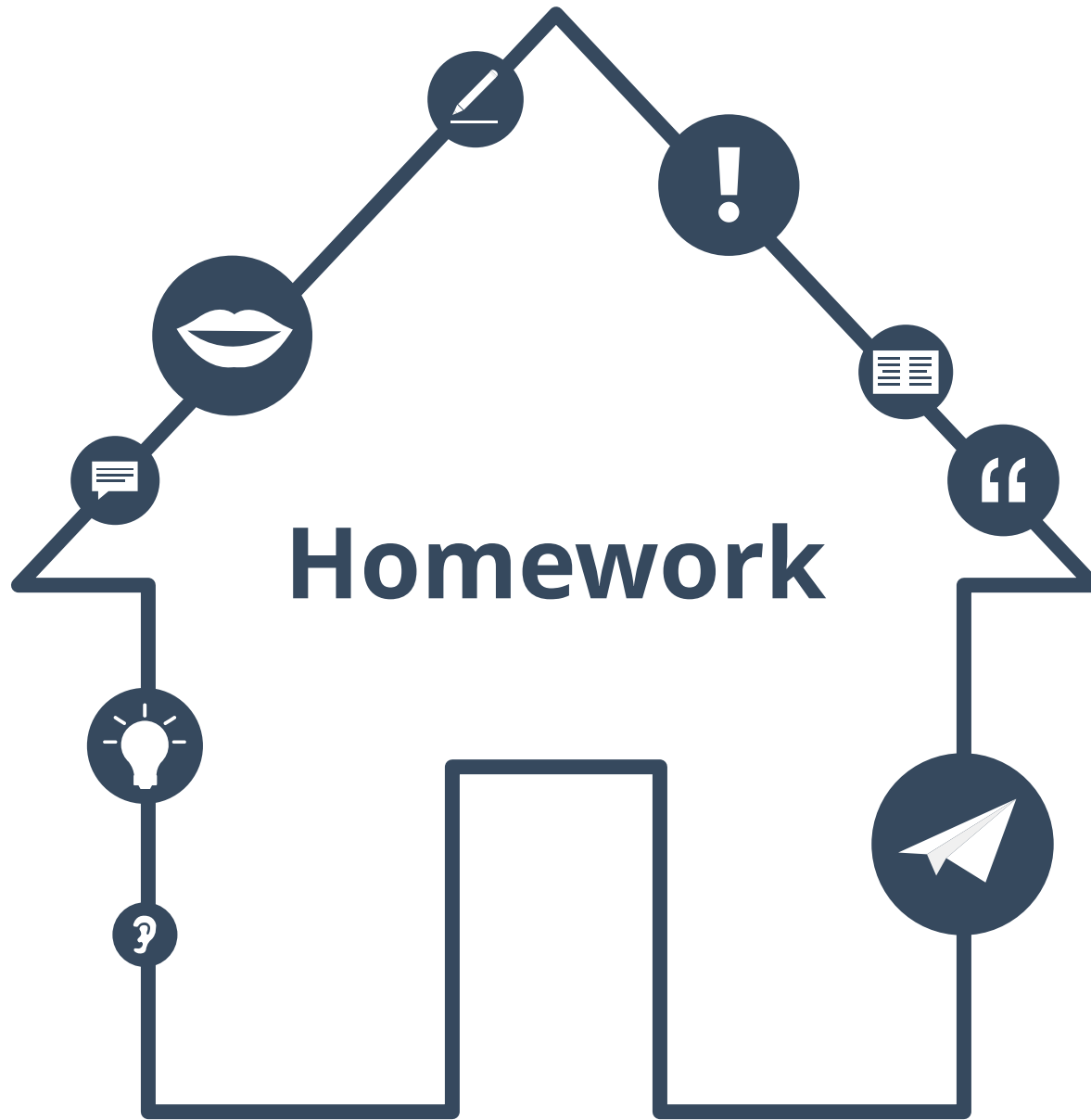
Exercise p. 8: 1. b, 2. a, 3. a, 4. b

Exercise p. 10: 1. superlative, 2. comparative, 3. superlative, 4. comparative, 5. comparative

Exercise p. 11: comparative: quieter, tidier, noisier, brighter, messier; superlative: quietest, brightest, noisiest, messiest, quietest

Exercise p. 13: 2. That bedroom is the tidiest. 3. This apartment is the noisiest. 4. Your dog is the cutest. 5. My mobile phone is the newest.

Exercise p. 16: -est: quiet, cheap, dark, bright, small, big; -iest: messy, noisy, tidy; most...: expensive, traditional, contemporary





Complete the table

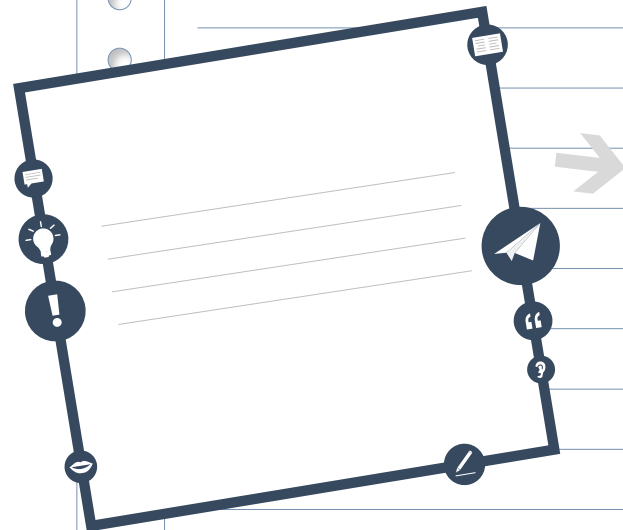
small	_____	smallest
big	bigger	_____
_____	quieter	quietest
noisy	_____	noisiest
tidy	tidier	_____
_____	messier	messiest
expensive	more expensive	_____
_____	more traditional	most traditional
contemporary	_____	most contemporary





Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3
and find examples of
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text
that are examples of
topic of the lesson.



Find the adjectives

**Find the adjectives in this lesson and write them down.
Which are new? Do you know all of them?
Look these words up.**

adjectives



Sentences with the superlative

Choose five sentences from this lesson using the comparative.
Copy them and write them using the superlative.





Examples:





That apartment is messier.



→ That apartment is messiest.



This house is noisier.



→ This house is noisiest.



...













Homework answer key

Exercise p. 21:

small, smaller, smallest

big, bigger, biggest

quiet, quieter, quietest

noisy, noisier, noisiest

tidy, tidier, tidiest

messy, messier, messiest

expensive, more expensive, most expensive

traditional, more traditional, most traditional

contemporary, more contemporary, most contemporary



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