

Spanish

Considering global issues [1/3]

The superlative

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pero

but



dar

r

abrir

seria

pero

rico

sobre

[about; on top of]



[rr]

perrro

dog



correr

rr

barrio

cerrar

perro

correcto

correo



El vocabulario

el paro	unemployment
el hambre	hunger
el medioambiente	the environment
la salud	health
los sin techo	the homeless
en peligro	endangered
la desigualdad	inequality



The superlative

When we mean 'the **least / most** ...', we use the superlative.

In Spanish, we structure the superlative like this.

The adjective usually goes after the noun and agrees with it:

el (los) la (las)	+	problema(s) idea(s) (noun)	más menos	+	difícil/es serio/a/os/as (adjective)
the	+	problem(s) idea(s)	most least	+	difficult serious



The superlative

Some superlatives are formed differently and the adjectives go in front of the noun:

el/la/los/as + mejor
peor + problema
mayor solución
menor amigo/a
(noun)

the + best
worst + problem
greatest solution
smallest friend



The superlative

Examples:

El paro **es el peor problema** global.

Unemployment is **the worst** worldwide **problem**.

**In Spanish,
use the
article, here.**



The superlative

In Spanish, to mean **‘the best/worst thing’, meaning a ‘general idea’, use the article ‘lo’:**

Lo



mejor
peor

The



best
worst

thing



The superlative

This also applies to when we say in Spanish '**the most/least (worrying/interesting/shocking/serious) thing**':

Lo



más
menos

preocupante
interesante
chocante
serio

The



most
least



worrying
interesting
shocking
serious

thing



Spot and correct the mistakes in the English translations

El español	El inglés
1. El peor problema	1. The best problem
2. Lo más preocupante	2. The most worrying
3. La solución más interesante	3. The least interesting solution
4. La mayor crisis	4. The biggest crisis
5. Lo menos serio	5. The least serious ...



RESPUESTAS

El español	El inglés
1. El peor problema	1. The worst problem
2. Lo más preocupante	2. The most worrying thing
3. La solución más interesante	3. The most interesting solution
4. La mayor crisis	4. The greatest crisis
5. Lo menos serio	5. The least serious thing



RESPUESTAS

1. The superlative is 'the most .../the least ...'.
2. 'El hambre' means 'hunger' in English.
3. 'El problema más serio' means 'the most serious problem' in English.
4. 'La desigualdad económica es la peor' means 'economic inequality is the worst'.
5. To mean 'the most worrying thing', use lo más preocupante.

