Here's a simple exercise on **superlative adjectives** based on the life and work of

**El Greco**. Find the right superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

1. El Greco was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (famous)** painter **of** his time, known for his unique style.
2. He was born in **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(old)** city **in** Crete, which was part of the Republic of Venice at that time.
3. El Greco moved to **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( beautiful)** city **in** whole Italy, Venice, to study painting.
4. Between 1570 and 1577, he lived in **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (big)** city **in** Italy, Rome.
5. El Greco worked and lived for many years in **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (good)** city for artists **in** Spain, Toledo.
6. He was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (good)** student **of** Byzantine icon painting in his youth.
7. El Greco's paintings are **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (expressive)** **of all** the artists from the 16th century.
8. He was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (influential)** artist **of his time**, inspiring many others.
9. El Greco's style was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (unique)** because it combined Byzantine and Italian elements.
10. He died at **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (old)** age of 73, which was very old **for that time**.
11. Nikos Kazantzakis wrote **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (good)** tribute to him.
12. El Greco's paintings are considered **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (great)** examples **of** Spanish Renaissance art.

**Words you need to know:**

**Influential:** επιδραστικός**, Expensive:** ακριβός**, Unique:** μοναδικός, **Renaissance**: Aναγέννηση

**Write the rule for superlatives in the box**

**Exercise Instructions:**

* Read each sentence carefully.
* Try to create your own sentences using different superlative adjectives related to El Greco or other famous artists.

Use the **superlative adjectives** to compare famous Greek personalities:

1. Aliki Vougiouklaki was **the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(beloved)** Greek actress **of her time**, known for her charming performances.
2. Aristotle Onassis was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rich)** Greek businessman, owning **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (large)** shipping fleet **in the world**.
3. Maria Callas was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (good)** opera singer Greece has ever produced, with **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (powerful)** voice.
4. Manos Chatzidakis was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(influential)** Greek composer, creating **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (good)** musicals **in** Greek cinema.
5. Eleftherios Venizelos was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (great)** Greek politician, leading **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(significant)** reforms **in** Greek history.
6. Melina Merkouri was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(charismatic)** Greek politician and actress, known for her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(**great)** performances on stage and screen.
7. Among all these personalities, Aristotle Onassis was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(wealth)**, while Maria Callas had **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (beautiful)** voice.
8. Melina Merkouri was **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(good)** at combining politics and art, making her **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(versatile)** of all.
9. Mercouri was **the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( **passionate**) advocate for the return of the Parthenon Marbles from the British Museum to Greece.
10. Hatzidakis's music gained **the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(**high**) international recognition, when he won the Oscar Academy Award for "Never on Sunday" in 1960.
11. Maria Kallas gave **the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(**iconic**) performance in the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, in Cherubini's opera, “Medea”.

**Words you need to know:**

**influential:** επιδραστικός, **passionate:** παθιασμένος, **iconic:** θρυλικός, **versatile:** πολύπλευρος – πολυτάλαντος, **wealth:** πλούτος, **charismatic:** χαρισματικός, **significant:** σημαντικός, **reforms:** μεταρρυθμίσεις, **combine:** συνδυάζω, **advocate:** υπέρμαχος, **gain:** κερδίζω  **recognition:** αναγνώριση

