



EASY TAGALOG

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Ipagpatuloy natin ang pag-aaral sa **kaantasan ng mga pang-uri**. (Let us continue studying the degree of adjectives.)

I—PANUKDULAN—(SUPERLATIVE DEGREE):

Basahin at pag-aralan ang mga sumusunod na pangungusap na ginamitan ng mga pang-uri na nasa-anyong panukdulan.

(Read and study the following sentences in which adjectives in the superlative degree are used.)

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| 1—Si Paz ang pinakamabait na bata sa aking klase. | —Paz is the most virtuous child in my class. |
| 2—Si Lino ang pinakamasipag sa mga anak ni Ginang Rivera. | —Lino is the most industrious of Mrs. Rivera's children. |
| 3—Ang mangga ang pinakamasarap na bungangkahoy sa Pilipinas. | —The mango is the most delicious fruit in the Philippines. |
| 4—Si Rizal ang pinakadakilang bayani ng Lahing Pilipino. | —Rizal is the greatest hero of the Filipino Race. |
| 5—Si Mina ang pinakamatalinong guro sa aming paaralan. | —Mina is the most intelligent teacher in our school. |
| 6—Si Don Pablo ang pinakamatinong mamamayan sa aming lalawigan. | —Don Pablo is the most sensible citizen in our province. |
| 7—Si Paning ang pinakamatapat sa aking mga kaibigan. | —Paning is the most loyal of my friends. |
| 8—Si Lourdes ang pinakamatulungin sa lahat ng aking kamag-aral. | —Lourdes is the most helpful of all my schoolmates. |
| 9—Si Chita ang pinakamasunurin sa lahat ng aming mga bata. | —Chita is the most obedient of all our children. |
| 10—Si Tes ang may pinakamagandang bistido sa lahat ng mga batang bae sa silid na ito. | —Tes has the prettiest dress of all the girls in this room. |

II—Tinatanggap din na mga pang-uring nasa-anyong panukdulan (sang-ayon sa Balarila ng Wikang Pambansa) ang mga pang-uring ginamit sa mga pangungusap na sumusunod:

(According to the Balarila ng Wikang Pambansa, the adjectives used in the following sentences are also adjectives in the superlative degree.):

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| 1—Ang aming guro ay mabait na mabait. | —Our teacher is very virtuous. |
| 2—Malinaw na malinaw ang tubig sa dagat. | —The water in the sea is very clear. |
| 3—Ang aming ama ay masipag na masipag. | —Our father is very industrious. |

- 4—Ang ilog na ito ay mababaw na mababaw. —This river is very shallow.
- 5—Ang mga bulaklak na iyan ay mabagung-mabango. —Those flowers are very fragrant.
- 6—Kay buti-buti ni Fe sa akin. —Fe is very good to me.
- 7—Kay bait-bait ng lola mo sa amin. —Your grandmother is most kind to us.
- 8—Kay ganda-ganda ng iyong payong, Luz. —Your umbrella is very beautiful, Luz.
- 9—Kay lakas-lakas ng hangin sa bukid. —The wind is very strong in the field.
- 10—Kay tamis-tamis ng mga manggang ito. —These mangos are very sweet.
- 11—Si Maria ang kabuti-butihan sa lahat. —Maria is the best of all.
- 12—Si Antonio ang kasipag-sipagan sa kanilang lahat. —Antonio is the most industrious of all of them.
- 13—Sa mga magkakapatid, si Betty ang kaganda-gandahan sa lahat. —Among the sisters, Betty is the most beautiful of all.
- 14—Si Lucia ang karunung-dunungan sa mga babaing manananggol sa aming lalawigan. —Lucia is the wisest of all the woman lawyers in our province.
- 15—Si Don Ramon ang kayaman-yamanan sa aming bayan. —Don Ramon is the richest in our town.
- 16—Napakabuti ninyo sa amin. —You are very good to us.
- 17—Ang bagyo ay napakalakas. —The typhoon is very strong.
- 18—Ang kapatid mong babae ay napakahihin. —Your sister is very modest.
- 19—Ang iyong ina ay napakasipag. —Your mother is very industrious.
- 20—Napakatalino ang batang ito. —This child is very intelligent.
- 21—Ang bagong baro ni Trining ay pagkaganda-ganda. —The new dress of Trining is very beautiful.
- 22—Pagkalinis-linis ng inyong bahay. —Your house is very clean.
- 23—Pagkayaman-yaman ng asawa ni Juan. —Juan's wife is very rich.
- 24—Pagkatamis-tamis ng ngiti ng babaing iyon. —The smile of that woman is very sweet.
- 25—Ang pagkaing iyong inihanda ay pagka-sarap-sarap. —The food which you prepared is very delicious.

III—Sang-ayon sa Balarila ng Wikang Pambansa, ang mga pang-uring ginamit sa mga pangungusap na sumusunod ay mga pang-uri ding nasa-anyong panukdulan.

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- 1—Ang manggang ito ay ubod ng tamis. —This mango is exceedingly sweet.
- 2—Si Mameng ay totoong maganda. —Mameng is exceedingly beautiful.
- 3—Si Bb. Hernandez ay lubhang maingat sa gawain. —Miss Hernandez is exceedingly careful in her work.
- 4—Si Gobernador Halili ay sakdal ng buti sa kanyang mga kawani. —Governor Halili si exceedingly good to his employees.
- 5—Si G. Matias Fernando ay ulo ng yaman sa Anggat. —Mr. Matias Fernando is exceedingly yaman sa Anggat.
- 6—Si Mina ay labis ng bait. —Mina is exceedingly virtuous.
- 7—Si Julio ay sakdal ng tapang. —Julio is exceedingly brave.
- 8—Si Felisa ay labis ng hinhin. —Felisa is exceedingly modest.
- 9—Si Marcos ay hari ng tamad. —Marcos is exceedingly lazy.
- 10—Ang gabi ay pisik ng dilim. —The night is exceedingly dark.

MY UNFORGETTABLE TEACHER

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During this age of deterioration and disintegration of our moral structure as confirmed by the prevalence of disorder and rampant lawlessness in many parts of our young republic, it is relieving to remember one who in my elementary-school age produced an indelible impression upon my youthful mind. Nowadays when moral principles are discussed and ethical qualities of ideal men and women are mentioned and pointed out with the aim of setting them up as standards for the young and adolescent people to emulate, I cannot help recalling that teacher of mine in grade seven whose self-control and moral rectitude has always inspired me. He died some years ago (may he rest in peace!), but the integrity of his character lives and will forever live in my memory. I have in mind the late Mr. Emiliano G. Remo, who was chief of the administrative division, Bureau of Audits, at the time of his death.

Being then the only P.N.S. graduate in our school, he possessed the best professional training and educational qualification. Naturally his fellow teacher harbored an envious feeling toward him when his promotion in position

and in salary came one after the other in close succession. Intuitively or instinctively he learned of this envious attitude of his subordinates, formerly his fellow teachers, but he maintained his composure. In due time through tact and diplomacy he won over their good will and cooperation.

There were other instances in which he manifested his calmness, but the incident that created in me the deepest impression and convinced me of his equanimity was his reaction to a lampoon and a caricature which were posted outside the door of our room one morning and pictured him a knave, a rogue. As we neared the door, I expected he would burst into a fit of anger; but as he turned and asked me to help him remove the wicked and vile "posters", I was surprised to note the faint smile on his face. Composedly he muttered, "They are cowards; they are afraid to fight me face to face." Even his voice did not evince any sign of agitation. That whole morning I closely observed him to verify if the composure he had shown was feigned or superficial, but I watched in vain.