

Grammar Booster

Comparative Adjectives

1 Read and complete.

To compare two people, places, or things, use a comparative adjective + **than**.



Add -er to most short adjectives.	fast	→ faster than
	slow	→ 1 <u>slower</u> than
Add -r to adjectives ending in -e .	large	→ larger than
	wide	→ 2 _____ than
Remove -y in adjectives ending in -y and add -ier .	3 _____	→ sunnier than
	heavy	→ 4 _____ than
In adjectives ending in a vowel + consonant, double the consonant and add -er .	5 _____	→ hotter than
	big	→ 6 _____ than

2 Look and complete with **than**.

The Geography of China				
Beijing 20°C	Tianmu Mountain 1,506 m	Yellow River 5,464 km	Tianchi Lake 4.9 km ²	Gobi Desert 1,295,000 km ²
Shanghai 25°C	Laojun Mountain 4,513 m	Yangtze River 6,300 km	West Lake 6.5 km ²	Lop Desert 50,000 km ²

- Shanghai is warmer than Beijing.
- Laojun Mountain is _____ Tianmu Mountain.
- The Yangtze River is _____ Yellow River.
- Tianchi Lake is _____ West Lake.
- The Gobi Desert is _____ the Lop Desert.

big
small
long
tall
~~warm~~

Superlative Adjectives

1 Read and complete.

To compare three or more people, places, or things, use **the** + a superlative adjective.



Add -est to most short adjectives.	fast	→ 1 the <u>fastest</u>
	slow	→ the slowest
Add -st to adjectives ending in -e .	large	→ 2 the
	wide	→ the widest
Remove -y in adjectives ending in -y and add -iest .	sunny	→ 3 the
	4	→ the heaviest
In adjectives ending in a vowel + consonant, double the consonant and add -est .	hot	→ 5 the
	6	→ the heaviest

2 Write the correct superlative adjective.

big ~~hot~~ long old small

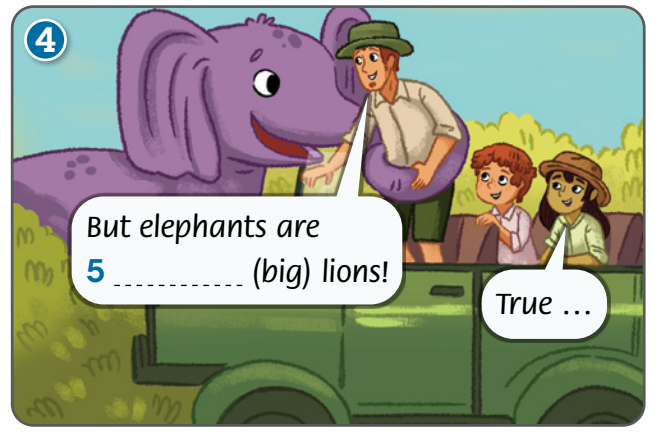
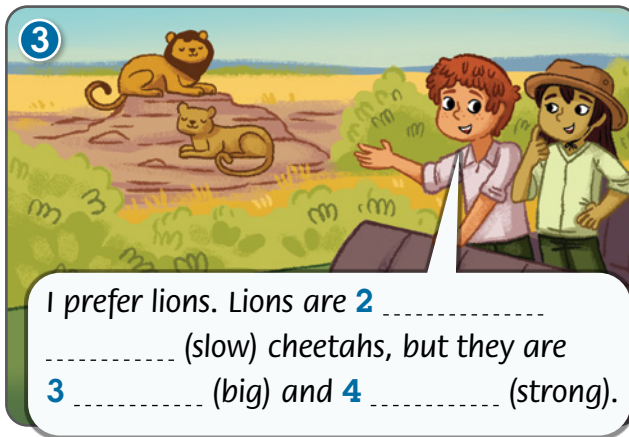
- What is the hottest desert in the world? Death Valley
- Where is the river in the world? It's in Egypt.
- What is the country in South America? Suriname
- What is the city in the USA? New York City
- Where is the university in the world? It's in Italy.

3 Write questions. Ask and answer with the class.

- What's the biggest in ?
- ?
- ?

Grammar Review

1 Read and complete.



2 Complete.

- 1 Elephants are bigger than lions, but blue whales are the biggest animals in the world.
- 2 Elephants are cheetahs, but sloths are the slowest animals in the world.
- 3 Lions are taller than cheetahs, but giraffes are animals in the world.
- 4 Giraffes are faster than elephants, but cheetahs
- 5 Cheetahs are scarier than elephants, but



blue whale



giraffe



sloth

1 Read and circle the correct options.



Jupiter is **1 big** / **bigger than** / **the biggest** planet in the solar system and is more than 11 times **2 wide** / **wider than** / **the widest** Earth. It rotates around the Sun very **3 fast** / **faster than** / **the fastest**. Jupiter is also **4 bright** / **brighter than** / **the brightest** object in the solar system.

Uranus is about four times **5 big** / **bigger than** / **the biggest** Earth. Until the 1980s astronomers **6 believe** / **believing** / **believed** that it was the only planet with rings. But then they discovered that **7 there is** / **there was** / **there were** three other planets with rings – Saturn, Jupiter, and Neptune. With temperatures as low as -224°C , they are the planets with **8 cold** / **colder than** / **the coldest** temperatures in the solar system.

Mercury is **9 small** / **smaller than** / **the smallest** planet. Because it is very **10 close** / **closer than** / **the closest** to the Sun, it is also **11 fast** / **faster than** / **the fastest**. It travels through space at 50 km per second and orbits the Sun every 88 Earth days.

2 Write three quiz questions about the solar system. Ask a friend.

- 1** Which planet is the?
- 2**?
- 3**?

It's My World!

What do you know about the solar system?
Share what you know.