

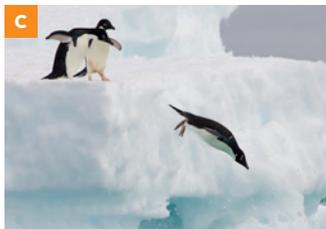


Comparative adjectives

Part 1: Video preparation

1 Do you remember reading about *The Animal Olympics* on page 115 of your Student's Book? Write the names of the animals under the pictures.

beetle • cheetah • elephant • penguin



2 Tick (✓) two reasons the text gives to explain why animals compete to be better than the rest.

- a to have exercise
- c to look good
- b to escape danger
- d to catch food

3 Match the animals with the descriptions.

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| 1 It can run very fast. | a penguin |
| 2 It's very big and strong. | b Southern Cricket frog |
| 3 It has horns to make holes in the ground. | c cheetah |
| 4 It can jump very high. | d elephant |
| 5 It can dive a long way under water. | e beetle |

Part 2: Video comprehension

Watch the video as many times as necessary and do the exercises.

1 Answer the questions.

- 1 Which three animals from the list does the presenter (Dave) talk about in the video?
- African elephant
- cheetah
- emperor penguin
- rhinoceros beetle
- Southern Cricket frog

- 2 Which animal from the list in 1 can lift 850 times their own body weight?
- 3 What does Dave say about the lines in the picture?
 a they are different
 b they are the same
- 4 What two things does Dave compare at the end of the video?
 and

2 Complete the rules with the correct words from the video explanation.

- 1 We use comparative adjectives to compare p....., p..... or th.....
- 2 When we compare two things, we use t..... after the comparative adjective.

3 Tick (✓) the sentence that does NOT appear in the video explanation.

- 1 Animals are better than humans at lots of things.
- 2 They're bigger than us.
- 3 They're heavier than us.
- 4 Cheetahs are faster than antelopes.
- 5 Rhinoceros beetles are more powerful than African elephants.

4 Is the sentence that does NOT appear in the video explanation true or false?

5 Read the rules for making comparisons. Match the rules with the sentences in 3.

- a With short, one-syllable adjectives we simply add -er.
- b With short, one-syllable adjectives ending in one vowel and one consonant, we double the consonant and add -er.
- c With two-syllable adjectives ending in -y, we omit -y and add -ier.
- d With long adjectives, adjectives that have two syllables or more, we put *more* before the adjective.
- e *Good* is an irregular comparative form.

Part 3: Grammar practice

Circle the correct alternative to complete these sentences.

- 1 Usain Bolt runs faster than/that me.
- 2 The Nile is longer/more long than the Thames.
- 3 Natasha can swim better/gooder than Josie.
- 4 James is more sillier/sillier than Dan.
- 5 My new smartphone is more thin/thinner than my old one.
- 6 Piranha fish are sometimes more dangerous/dangerer than sharks.