



## 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

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- 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

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- 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?  
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- 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.