



Comparative adjectives; Superlative adjectives; Present perfect with *ever* and *never*

1 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives given. There are three extra adjectives.

bad • cold • dangerous • dry • fast • intelligent • safe • small • strong

- 'Which big cat is – the cheetah or the tiger?' 'The cheetah, of course.'
- Piranhas are than sharks, especially when they are in groups.
- Today pollution in my city is really bad – it's even than last year.
- Elephants are a lot than humans – they can lift 272 kilos!
- Last winter was than usual. It almost never rained.
- Our teacher said that lake water is than river water.

2 Complete these sentences with the comparative or the superlative form of the adjectives in the box.

common • fit • heavy • hot • powerful • sweet

- The weather in the south of the country is than in the north.
- The African elephant is species of land animal.
- My brother is than my dad because he does a lot of sport.
- 'Which are the world's insects?' 'I'm not sure. Water scorpions are very strong.'
- I adore dogs – I think they are animals in the world.
- Green parrots are than blue ones.

3 Find and correct the mistakes. There are three incorrect sentences.

- In 2015 New Delhi was one of the more polluted cities in the world.
- I have read that Hong Kong produces largest amount of rubbish in the world.
- Reducing waste is the best thing we can do to protect our environment.
- 'Who is the most famous imaginary explorer of all time?' 'Indiana Jones!'
- Germany is the most populated country in the EU.
- Plastic is a more common danger to wildlife than the white shark!

4 Write sentences with the correct form of the present perfect of the verbs. Then add *ever* or *never* in the correct place.

- (you/try) rock climbing?
- (I/do) anything dangerous in my life.
- (you/swim) in a lake?
- (They/hear) the word 'garbage' before.
- (My little brother/see) a live dolphin.
- (she/read) about The Great Pacific Garbage Patch?

5 Choose the best answers to complete this text.

Dolphins or porpoises? What's the difference? It's one of (1) mistakes people make when they identify these animals. It is true that they have similar characteristics like colour and size, but they are very different animals. In fact, they belong to two different families of cetaceans. Porpoises are normally (2) than dolphins. The (3) dolphins are about four feet long with the (4) being 30 feet long. Dolphins usually have a curved dorsal fin, while porpoises have a triangular one. Also their personalities are different. Dolphins tend to be (5) and playful. Have you (6) them jumping in and out of the sea? They're amazing. And if (7) heard their sound, well, look it up on the Internet, it's super! On the contrary, porpoises are (8) and also (9) around humans than dolphins. But dolphins and porpoises have many similarities, one of which is their intelligence. They are among (10) animals on Earth.

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| 1 A commonest | B the most common |
| C the commoner | D most common |
| 2 A smallest | B more small |
| C smaller | D the smaller |
| 3 A smaller | B smallest |
| C most small | D the smallest |
| 4 A more long | B longer |
| C the most long | D longest |
| 5 A acrobaticer | B more acrobatic |
| C the most acrobatic | D acrobaticher |
| 6 A never seen | B ever see |
| C ever seen | D never see |
| 7 A you've never | B have you ever |
| C you have ever | D have you never |
| 8 A reserved | B more reserved |
| C most reserved | D reserveder |
| 9 A afraidier | B most afraid |
| C more afraid | D more afraidier |
| 10 A the more intelligent | B the most intelligent |
| C most intelligent | D intelligentest |