



Comparatives and superlatives – ANSWERS



Watch the grammar video here:

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/grammar-videos/kittys-science-test>

1. What's the order?



Watch the video and put the words in order.

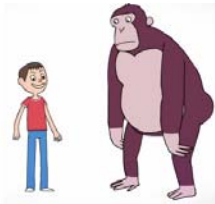
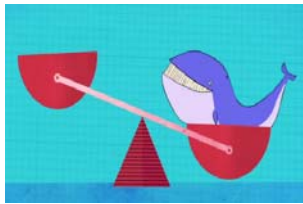

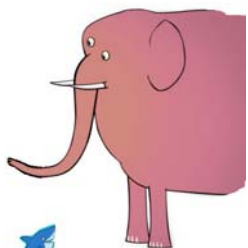
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|---------|----------|---------|-------------|---------|----------|
| whale | Hero | bigger | shorter | shark | lazier |
| 3 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 7 |
| lighter | elephant | gorilla | the biggest | heavier | cleverer |
| 5 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 9 |

2. Match them up!



Read the sentences and match them to the picture.

- An elephant is **bigger than** a shark.
- Max is **shorter than** a gorilla.
- The blue whale is **the heaviest** animal in the world.
- Hero is **the smallest** animal in the video.

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| <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> | <i>a</i> |



3. Fill it in!



Write the missing words in the sentences. Use comparatives (**-er than**) and superlatives (**the -est**) like in exercise 2.

- a. A whale is heavier than a shark. *heavy*
- b. The Amazon river is longer than the Mississippi. *long*
- c. A chimpanzee is cleverer than a sheep. *clever*
- d. A butterfly is lighter than a hippo. *light*
- e. The Nile is the longest river. It's 6,690km long! *long*
- f. Mount Everest is the highest mountain. It's 8,848m high! *high*
- g. The koala is the laziest animal. It sleeps 22 hours a day! *lazy*
- h. The elephant is the biggest land animal. It's 4m tall and weighs 6,000kg! *big*

4. Play a game!



Play a game with a partner. Ask a friend, a classmate, or someone in your family.

1. Think of an animal. Describe it using comparatives and superlatives. For example: "It's faster than a zebra, taller than an elephant, and it's got the longest neck in Africa."
2. Your partner must guess the animal. For example: "Is it the giraffe?" They can guess 3 times.
3. If your partner is correct the first time, they get 3 points. If they are correct the second time, they get 2 points. If they are correct the third time, they get 1 point. Put the points in the boxes below.
4. Swap! Now your partner describes an animal and you guess!

| You | Your partner |
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