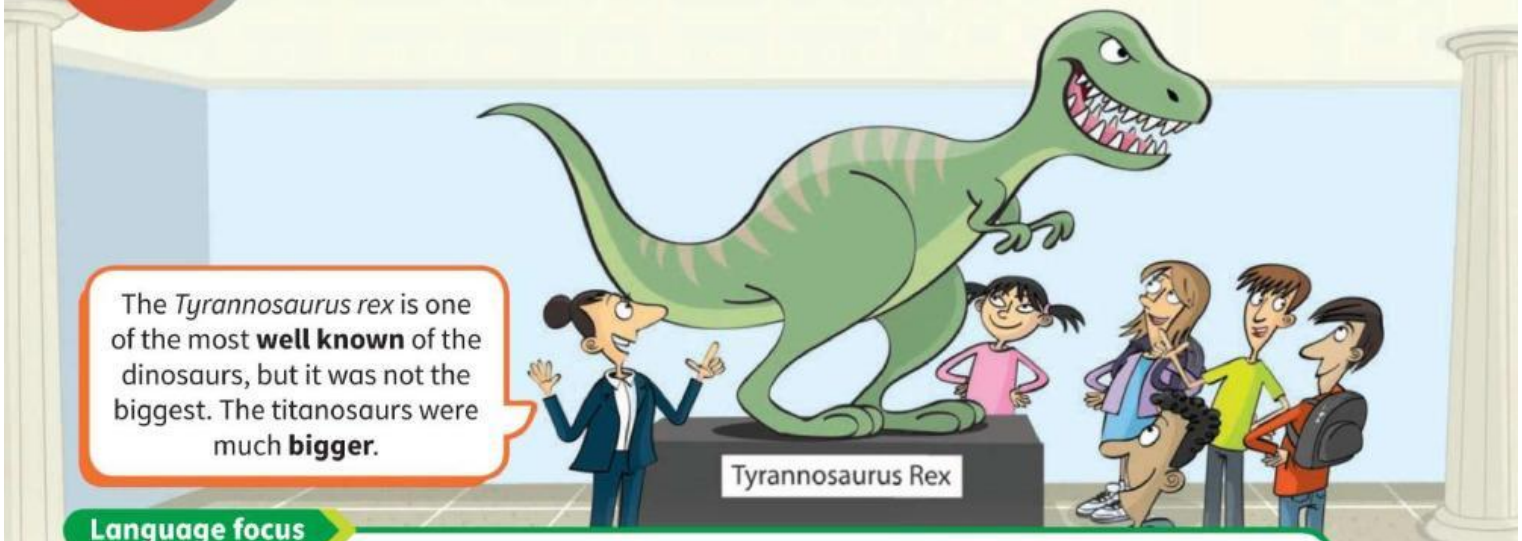
6 Comparatives and superlatives



Language focus

Use **comparatives** to compare two people, places or things, e.g. *Josep is faster than Marco.*

There are some rules to learn:

Add **-er** to the end of adjectives with one syllable, e.g. **slower**.

Put **more** before adjectives of two or more syllables, e.g. **more difficult**.

There are some irregular forms, e.g. **better**, **worse**.

Use **superlatives** to say one thing or person in a group has the most of a particular quality, e.g. *Josep is **the fastest runner** I know.*

Add **-est** to the end of adjectives with one syllable, e.g. **slowest**.

Put **the most** before adjectives of two or more syllables, e.g. **the most difficult**.

There are some irregular forms, e.g. **the best**, **the worst**.

1 **Write the comparatives and the superlatives.**

1 big	bigger	the biggest
2 strong		
3 heavy		
4 friendly		
5 dangerous		
6 beautiful		

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2 Rewrite the sentences with the words in the correct order.

1 lions / are / smaller / domestic / than / much / cats / .

Domestic cats are much smaller than lions.

2 in / biggest / world / some / the / are / animals / elephants / the / of / .

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3 interesting / beasts / are / than / real / more / mythical / animals / .

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4 are / dangerous/ the / Africa / mosquitos / animals / in / most / ?

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5 fastest / cheetah / animal / the / the / land / is / .

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6 necks / kangaroos / than / giraffes / longer / have / .

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3 Complete the text with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives.

My parents gave me a great present for my birthday – *The Dictionary of Mythical Beasts*. It is the (1) most interesting (interesting) book I know. It taught me about unicorns, Pegasus and the Sphinx. I read it every morning before breakfast and every night before I fall asleep. One evening, after dinner, I couldn't find it anywhere. 'Oh no!' I said. 'This is (2) _____ (bad) day of my life! Where is my book, Fred? Help me!' But my brother was too busy playing *The Phoenix Rises*, his new video game. 'This is much (3) _____ (exciting) than your old book,' he said. 'No, it's not,' I said. 'My book teaches me things. Your game is just for fun.' 'But when I play this,' said Fred, 'I learn how to see things that move quickly. I see them (4) _____ (good) than I did before. This morning, for example, I saw Roger running really fast into the garden.' Roger is our dog. 'He had something in his mouth. It looked (5) _____ (heavy) than his toy bones. I took it from him before up he could chew it. Have a look over there.' I found my book in Roger's basket. On its cover were marks from Roger's teeth, but it was OK. 'Thanks, Fred,' I said. 'You're (6) _____ (good) brother in the world! Can you show me how to play *The Phoenix Rises*?'

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