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# Land and sea

## Grammar start

Angel Falls **are** higher **than** Iguazu Falls.  
The Amazon **is** wider **than** the Parana.

### 1 Listen, say and point.



desert



lake



mountain



ocean



rainforest



river



waterfall

### 2 Read and listen. What countries are the places in?

## Natural wonders of South America

Angel Falls are in Venezuela.  
Iguazu Falls are in Brazil and Argentina. Angel Falls are higher than Iguazu Falls. Iguazu Falls are wider than Angel Falls.



Angel Falls



Iguazu Falls



Atacama



Patagonian

The Atacama Desert is in Chile.  
The Patagonian Desert is in Argentina. The Atacama Desert is hotter than the Patagonian Desert. It is also drier than the Patagonian Desert.

### 3 Read and complete.

We use **be** + **comparative** adjective + **than** to compare two things.

Angel Falls are **higher than** Iguazu Falls.

Atacama is **hotter than** Patagonia.

Iguazu Falls are **wider than** Angel Falls.

Atacama is **drier than** Patagonia.

To form the comparative with **short** adjectives:

1 we add **-er** to most adjectives:

cold → colder      high → \_\_\_\_\_

2 If an adjective ends in **-e**, just add **-r**:

large → larger      wide → \_\_\_\_\_

3 If a short adjective ends with a **consonant** + **vowel** + **consonant**, double the final consonant and add **-er**:

big → **bigger**      hot → \_\_\_\_\_

4 If an adjective ends in **-y**, change the **y** to **i** and add **-er**:

windy → wind**ier**      dry → \_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjective.

#### More wonders of South America

- a Lake Titicaca is bigger (big) than Lake Junin.
- b It is also \_\_\_\_\_ (deep) than Lake Junin.
- c The Amazon River is \_\_\_\_\_ (long) than the Parana River.
- d It is also \_\_\_\_\_ (wide) than the Parana River.
- e The Amazon Rainforest is \_\_\_\_\_ (hot) than the Great Chaco Forest.
- f The Great Chaco Forest is \_\_\_\_\_ (dry) than the Amazon Rainforest.

1 Look at the table. Write the words in order.

	Pacific	Atlantic	Indian	Arctic
Earth's surface	30%	21%	14%	3%
Maximum depth	11,033 m	8,648 m	7,125 m	5,450 m
Top temperature	21°C	20°C	28°C	0°C

a than / the Atlantic Ocean / is / the Pacific Ocean / bigger

The Pacific Ocean is bigger than the Atlantic Ocean.

b smaller / the Arctic Ocean / than / is / the Indian Ocean

c the Atlantic Ocean / deeper / the Arctic Ocean / is / than

d the Pacific Ocean / than / is / the Indian Ocean / warmer

e the Atlantic Ocean / colder / is / the Arctic Ocean / than


2 Complete the sentences. Write the name of the ocean.

a It's bigger (big) than the Arctic Ocean. It's warmer (warm) than the Pacific Ocean. → The Indian Ocean.

b It's \_\_\_\_\_ (small) \_\_\_\_\_ the Pacific Ocean. It's \_\_\_\_\_ (large) \_\_\_\_\_ the Indian Ocean. → \_\_\_\_\_

c It's \_\_\_\_\_ (cold) \_\_\_\_\_ the Indian Ocean. It's \_\_\_\_\_ (warm) \_\_\_\_\_ the Atlantic Ocean. → \_\_\_\_\_

d It's \_\_\_\_\_ (deep) and \_\_\_\_\_ (big) \_\_\_\_\_ the Atlantic Ocean. → \_\_\_\_\_

- 3  Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. Listen and check.

long wide deep big high wet




- a Mount Kosciuszko is higher than Mount Zeil.  
b The Murray River \_\_\_\_\_ the Darling River.  
c The Great Victoria Desert \_\_\_\_\_ the Great Sandy Desert.  
d Wollomombi Falls \_\_\_\_\_ Wallaman Falls.  
e The Great Sandy Desert \_\_\_\_\_ the Great Victoria Desert.  
f Lake Eyre \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Torrens.

- 4  Quiz a partner about the facts in this unit.

The Atlantic Ocean is bigger than the Arctic Ocean.


True.

1  Read and listen. Choose your favourite holiday.



**The Amazing Amazon!**

Sail down the Amazon – it's the widest river on Earth. Visit the tropical rainforest. It's the largest on the planet.




**Chile and Peru** *perfect for you!*

Travel across the Andes, the longest mountain range on Earth. Visit La Rinconada. It's the highest city in the world!

We use **superlative** adjectives to compare three or more things and say that one of them is 'number one'.



La Rinconada is **the highest** city in the world.  
The Amazon forest is **the largest** rainforest.

2  Complete and circle. Listen and check.

- a The **Pacific** / **Indian** Ocean is the warmest (warm) ocean in the world.
- b The **Sahara** / **Atacama** is \_\_\_\_\_ (hot) desert in the world.
- c The **Arctic** / **Antarctic** is \_\_\_\_\_ (cold) place on Earth.
- d **Mount Everest** / **K2** is \_\_\_\_\_ (high) mountain in the world.
- e **Lake Baikal** / **Lake Titicaca** is \_\_\_\_\_ (deep) lake on Earth.
- f **Khone Falls** / **Angel Falls** is \_\_\_\_\_ (wide) waterfall.

**3 Complete with the correct form of *be* and the words in the box.**

large dry big windy high cold

**Antarctica** is a continent around the South Pole. It is covered in ice, but it is a desert! It measures about 14 million km<sup>2</sup>, so it (a) is the largest desert in the world. In winter, the temperature is minus 60°C. It (b) \_\_\_\_\_ place on Earth. It (c) \_\_\_\_\_ place in the world, too – sometimes the wind reaches 320 km/h. There is less than 5.1 cm of rain a year, so it (d) \_\_\_\_\_ desert in the world. There are mountains in Antarctica. Vinson Massif (e) \_\_\_\_\_ mountain on the continent rising to 4,892m. There are also lakes under the ice. Lake Vostok is (f) \_\_\_\_\_ lake. It measures 15,690 km<sup>2</sup>.

**4 Write a holiday advert for your town/country or another place.**

Visit \_\_\_\_\_!

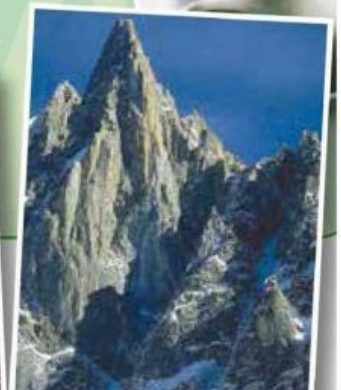
**a** \_\_\_\_\_ is the biggest \_\_\_\_\_.

**b** \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**c** \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

**d** \_\_\_\_\_

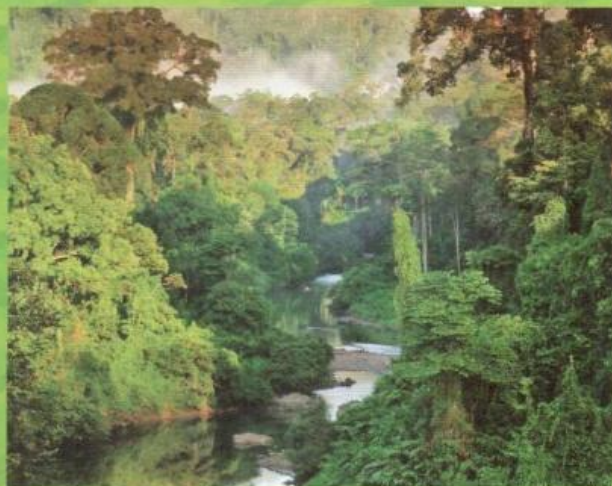
**e** \_\_\_\_\_



# Review 2

## 1 Read and circle the commas.

Habitats are places with similar weather, temperature, animals and plants. Rainforests, mountains and deserts are types of habitats. Rainforests are found in Africa, Asia, Australia and Latin America. They are larger, hotter and wetter than other habitats. Monkeys, birds, frogs and lizards live there.



We use **commas** to separate items in a list. We do not use a comma before **and** / **or** and the last item in the list.



## 2 Add commas to the sentences.

- The Pacific, the Atlantic and the Indian are the three largest oceans.
- The Pacific Ocean is larger deeper and warmer than the Atlantic.
- Antarctica is high dry windy and very cold.
- The Atacama Desert is cooler drier and smaller than the Sahara Desert.
- The Nile the Amazon and the Mississippi are the longest rivers.

## 3 Complete the paragraph. Use the words in the box. Add commas.

plants / flowers / animals   ~~colder~~ / ~~higher~~ / ~~drier~~   rocky / snowy / windy  
goats / birds / insects / fish   Andes / Himalayas / Alps / Rockies

Mountain habitats are (a) colder, higher and drier than other habitats. They are (b) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ places. It is quite difficult to live in those conditions, so there aren't many (c) \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. But some animals, for example, (d) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ live there. The (e) \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ all have mountain habitats.