

Unit 12

Lesson 9 – 10

1 Clap and choose.

Work in pairs. Point to a group of three words and clap the syllables for one of the words. Your partner should listen and name the word. Then change over.

elephant
mouse
giraffe

hippo
crocodile
snake

excellent
good
alright

strong
endangered
lonely

tiny
enormous
big

clever
expensive
rare

2 Think and write.

Look at the adjectives and write the comparative for each adjective under the correct rule.

big cold hungry fast lonely hot
large noisy tall wide rare thin

If the adjective has:

one syllable and
ends with **-e**, then
we add **-r**.

one syllable, one vowel
and ends with a
consonant, then we
double the consonant
and add **-er**.

one vowel and ends
with more than one
consonant, then we
add **-er**.

two syllables and
ends with **-y**, then
we take away the **y**
and add **-ier**.

comparatives

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Sounds – /ə/.

Listen to the words and underline the /ə/ sound.

teacher zookeeper tiger crocodile China vegetation

Now read the words again and think about these questions.

1. How can you spell the /ə/ sound?
2. Is the /ə/ sound usually a strong stress or a weak stress?

/ə/

1 More comparatives and superlatives.

Some ITC members were discussing a visit to the zoo. Read the speech bubbles to find out what they said and underline the comparatives and superlatives. Then, complete the language focus box by writing **most**, **least**, **than**, **less**, **more** and **the** in the correct spaces.

language focus

comparatives and superlatives

For adjectives with 3 or more syllables and adjectives ending with 'ing':

[] or [] + adjective + []
to form the comparative.

[] + [] or [] + adjective
to form the superlative.

2 Write.



Use the words provided to write two comparative sentences and two superlative sentences for each group of words. The first one has been done for you.

horses
boring
zebras

1

Horses are more boring than zebras.

Zebras are less boring than horses.

Horses are the most boring.

Zebras are the least boring.

dinosaurs
amazing
frogs

2

elephants
expensive
hippos

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