Top Trumps: Animal Edition – Instructions for Students (A1-A2 Level)

How to Play:

Listen and read the game instructions then complete the questions below.

1. Get your cards



Each player has the same number of cards.

Each card has a picture of an animal and five pieces of information:

- Height (How **tall[adj]** it is)
- Length (How **long[adj]** it is)
- Weight (How **heavy[adj]** it is)
- Age (How **long[adj]** it can live)
- Special fact **(interesting[adj]** fact)

2. Take turns

- The first player looks at their top card and chooses one category.
- They say a sentence using a comparative. Example:
  - My animal is taller than yours!
- The other players check their top cards and read the number in the same category.

3. Find the winner

- The player with the biggest number (or the smallest, depending on the category) wins the round.
- They take all the other players' top cards and put them at the bottom of their own deck.

4. If there is a tie

- If two players have the same number, they both choose a new category from their card.

5. Keep playing

- The game continues until one player has all the cards or until time runs out.
- The player with the most cards at the end wins!

Useful Sentences to Practise:

✓ Comparatives (to compare two animals)

- My elephant is heavier than your lion.
- The giraffe is taller than the zebra.
- This snake is longer than the crocodile.
- A parrot is older than a rabbit.

✓ Superlatives (to say something is the most)

- The blue whale is the heaviest animal.
- The cheetah is the fastest animal.
- The tortoise is the oldest animal in the game.
- The anaconda is the longest snake.

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Comprehension Questions for Top Trumps Instructions
Understanding the Rules—**Discuss the questions with a partner.**

1. How many cards does each player start with?
2. What information is included on each animal card?
3. What does the first player do on their turn?
4. What happens if a player has the highest or lowest number in a category?
5. What do players do if there is a tie (the numbers are the same)?
6. How does a player win the game?

Practising Comparatives and Superlatives—**Write full sentences.**

1. Compare the height of a rhino and a squirrel.
2. Compare the height of a rhino, a squirrel and a cat.
3. Compare how long a cat lives to how long a squirrel lives.
4. Compare how long a cat, a squirrel and a rhino live.
5. Which animal is the shortest?
6. Which animal has the most interesting fact?

Rhino



Height	180cm
Length	360cm
Weight	2700kg
Age	50
Special Fact	7 Their horns are made from the same substance that human hair is.

Squirrel



Height	20cm
Length	35cm
Weight	1kg
Age	12
Special Fact	5 They have 4 front teeth that never stop growing

Cat



Height	30cm
Length	50cm
Weight	5kg
Age	15
Special Fact	5 There are over 500 million domestic cats in the world.

Ant



Height	0.5cm
Length	1cm
Weight	0.00005kg
Age	4 months
Special Fact	10 They can lift and carry more than three times their own weight.

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