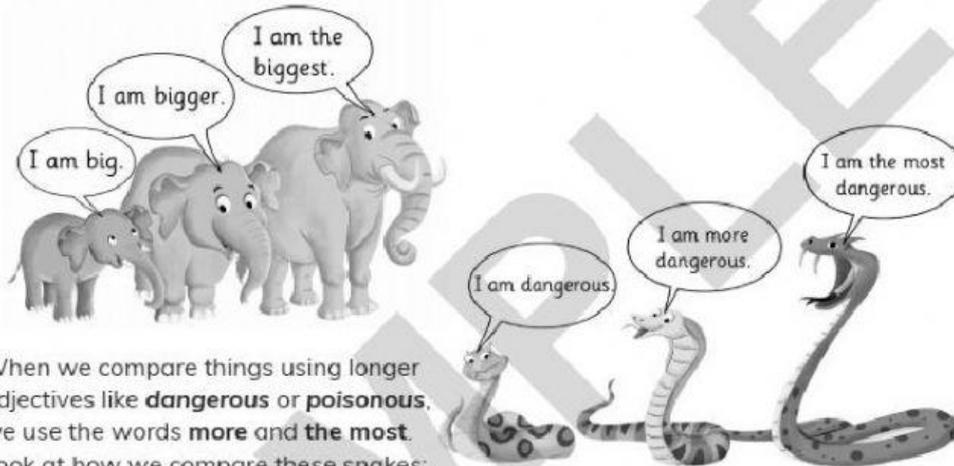


> 3.3 Comparing things

Language detective

When we compare things, we can use the endings **-er** and **-est**. Look at how we can compare these elephants:



When we compare things using longer adjectives like **dangerous** or **poisonous**, we use the words **more** and **the most**. Look at how we compare these snakes:

Focus

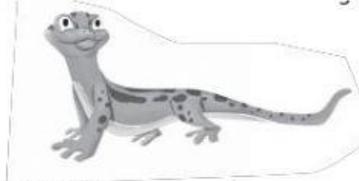
1 Read the desert reptiles fact files on pages 48–49 of your Learner's Book.

Then answer the questions.

- Which animal is the smallest? _____
- Is the Gila monster more dangerous than the shovel-snouted lizard? _____
- Do you think the Gila monster is faster than the shovel-snouted lizard? _____
- Which animals are bigger than the thorny devil? _____
- Which animal is heavier, the Gila monster or the Indian sand boa? _____
- Which animal is the strangest? _____

Practice

- 2 Complete the sentences.
Use the adjectives in brackets.



- a The Antarctic is _____ than the Sahara. (*cold*)
- b The Atacama Desert is the _____ place on Earth. (*dry*)
- c The Saguaro cactus is the _____ cactus on Earth. (*tall*)
- d An elephant is _____ than a horse. (*big*)
- e A parrot is _____ than a bee. (*colourful*)
- f A mouse is _____ than an elephant. (*small*)



Get it right!

You can say *smaller* or *bigger*, but you can't say *more-smaller* or *more-bigger*.

You can say *more dangerous* or *more colourful*, but you can't say *dangerouser* or *colourfuler*.

