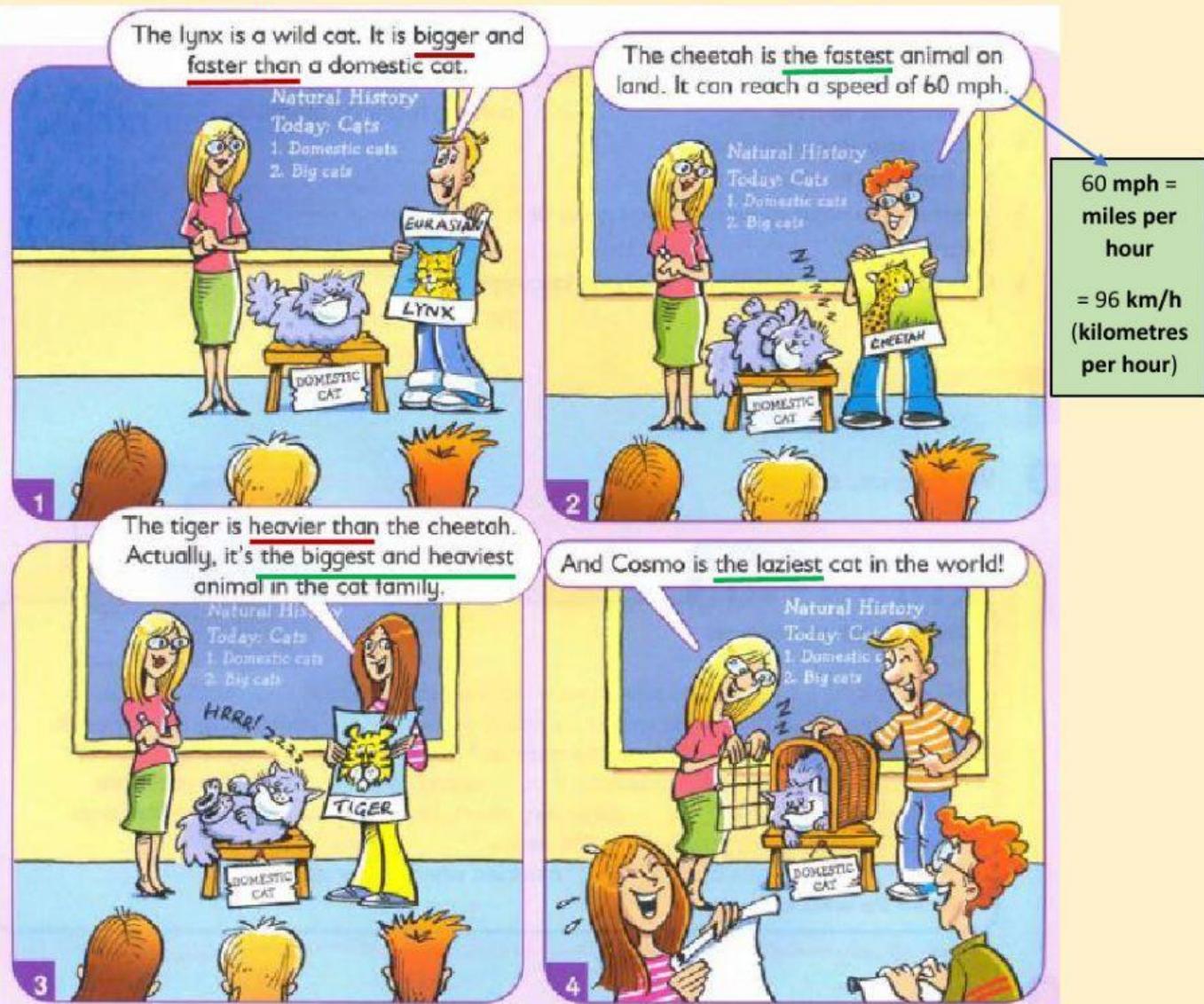


Comparatives and superlatives

Short adjectives

1) Listen to the story.

Look at the **comparative** and **superlative** adjectives. They are underlined.



2) Complete the table with **comparative** and **superlative** adjectives from the story.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
fast	faster (than)	the fastest
big	bigg..... (than)	the bigg.....
heavy	heavier (.....) heaviest
lazy	lazi..... (.....) lazi.....

= when you don't want to work hard or make an effort, you're **lazy**.

3) Read the information:

Use	Form
We use the comparative form of adjectives to compare two people or things :	To form the comparative of SHORT adjectives, we add -er (than) :
<i>I'm taller than my brother.</i> 1 2	fast ----> faster (than) clever ----> cleverer (than)

(clever = intelligent)

Use	Form
<p>We use the superlative form of adjectives to compare three or more people or things:</p> <p><i>Tim is the tallest boy in his class.</i></p> <p>Here, we are comparing Tim with all the boys in his class.</p>	<p>To form the superlative of SHORT adjectives, we use the + -est:</p> <p>fast ----> the fastest</p> <p>clever ----> the cleverest</p>

4) Look at the 3 spelling rules to add **-er** or **-est** and complete the table:

1 Adjectives ending in consonant + -y:

2 Adjectives ending in -e:

3 Adjectives ending in vowel + consonant:

big → *bigger* / *the biggest*

Double the last consonant and add **-er** or **-est**

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
strong	<i>stronger</i>	<i>the strongest</i>
pretty		
ugly		
small		
fast		
large		
fat		

pretty = attractive

ugly = NOT attractive

5) Complete with **COMPARATIVE** adjectives. Follow the example.

Example:

Neptune is **smaller than**

Jupiter. (small)

- a) The Nile River in Egypt is the Mississippi River in the USA. (**long**)
- b) Mount Everest is Mount Aconcagua. (**high**)
- c) Los Angeles is New York City. (**big**)
- d) Silver is gold. (**cheap**)
- e) Asia is Europe. (**large**)

cheap = NOT expensive

large = big



6) Complete with **SUPERLATIVE** adjectives. Follow the example:

Example: **The smallest**

..... bird in the world is only 5.5 cm long. (small)

- a) The blue whale is animal in the world. (**large**)
- b) Howler monkeys are land animals. (**noisy**)
- c) snake in the world was a python. It was almost ten metres long. (**long**)
- d) fish in the world is the Indo-Pacific sailfish. (**fast**)
- e) The seahorse is fish. (**slow**)
- f) spider in the world can eat birds! (**big**)



sailfish



seahorse

7) COMPARATIVE or SUPERLATIVE?

- Choose the correct option.
- Then, write true answers.

a) Who is **taller** / **the tallest** student in your class?

b) Are you **the youngest** / **younger** than your Spanish teacher?

c) Is Chinese **easier** / **the easiest** than English?

d) Who is **older** / **the oldest** person in your family?

e) Which is **the biggest** / **bigger** room in your house?

