UNIT 14

1 Comparisons with adjectives

- Use the comparative form (adjective + -er or more + adjective) to compare two people, places, or things: Which river is **longer**, the Nile or the Amazon? The Nile is **longer than** the Amazon. Use the superlative form (the + adjective + -est or the most + adjective) to compare three or more people, places, or things: Which river is **the longest**: the Nile, the Amazon, or the Mississippi? The Nile is **the longest** river in the world.
- You can use a comparative or superlative without repeating the noun: Which country is **larger**, Canada or China? Canada is **larger**. What's the highest waterfall in the world? Angel Falls is **the highest**.

Write questions with the words. Then look at the underlined words, and write the answers.

1. Which desert / dry / the Sahara or <u>the Atacama</u>?
   Q: <u>Which desert is drier, the Sahara or the Atacama?</u>
   A: <u>The Atacama is drier than the Sahara.</u>

2. Which island / large / <u>Greenland</u>, New Guinea, or Honshu?
   Q: _____
   A: _____

3. Which island / small / New Guinea or <u>Honshu</u>?
   Q: _____
   A: _____

4. Which U.S. city / large / Los Angeles, Chicago, or <u>New York</u>?
   Q: _____
   A: _____

5. Which ocean / deep / the Atlantic or <u>the Pacific</u>?
   Q: _____
   A: _____

2 Questions with how

- Use *high* to describe mountains and waterfalls: How **high** is Mount Fuji? Angel Falls is 979 meters **high**. Use *tall* to describe buildings: How **tall** is the Empire State Building? (NOT: How high is the Empire State Building?)

Complete the questions with the phrases in the box. There is one extra phrase.

How big	How cold	✓ How deep	How high	How tall

1. **Q:** ___How deep___ is Lake Baikal?   **A:** It's 1,642 meters (5,387 feet) at its deepest point.
2. **Q:** _____ is Alaska?   **A:** It's 1,717,900 square kilometers (663,300 square miles).
3. **Q:** _____ is Denali?   **A:** It's 6,190 meters (20,310 feet) high.
4. **Q:** _____ is the Tokyo Skytree?   **A:** It is 634 meters (2,080 feet) tall.