

★ ALL STARS ★ ENGLISH CHECK!



PART 1

Read each pair of sentences. One sounds more natural and appropriate for an informative text. Choose which one is better? The purple or the pink one?:

A)

This fast-running herbivore lives in Patagonia and is known for its brown coat.
This animal lives in Patagonia and is brown.
It is also a herbivore. You can see it running fast.

B)

Capybaras swim well and live in groups.
They are the biggest rodents in the world.
The capybara, the world's largest rodent, is a skilled swimmer that usually lives in groups.

May you write some brief explanations that justify your choices?

A)

B)

Think to answer in class:

- Which sentences present the information more clearly and in a logical order? Why?
- What kind of tone should an informative animal text use (story-like, scientific, personal, descriptive)? Why?

PART 2

Some texts focus too much on the animal as the "doer" of actions. But sometimes, we need to highlight what is done to the animal or what happens to it.

Complete the chart:

ACTIVE VOICE SENTENCE	CHANGE TO PASSIVE VOICE
People hunt jaguars in some parts of Argentina.	
Scientists study whales every year.	
Farmers sometimes hurt foxes to protect chickens.	

Look at these instances:

✗ *Hunters kill many condors each year.*

✓ *Many condors are killed each year by hunters.*

Think to answer in class:

- Why might it be better to use passive voice in the second example?
- When describing endangered species, why is the passive voice sometimes more appropriate?

PART 3

Some comparisons are unclear, or the wrong structure is used. Choose the correct option in each pair, then correct the wrong one.

A)

The jaguar is stronger than the cougar.

The jaguar is more stronger than the cougar.

B)

Capybaras are the most friendly than foxes.

Capybaras are friendlier than foxes.

C)

The Southern right whale is one of more heavy animals in the world.

The Southern right whale is one of the heaviest animals in the world.

Think to answer in class:

How would you fix this sentence?

The guanaco is faster and more smart than the llama.

What rules do you notice about short vs. long adjectives when making comparisons?
When do we use "the most..." and when do we use "-est"?

What would you change from this paragraph?

The whale lives in the Atlantic Ocean. It swims slow but with force. It's heavier than all sea animals. People see them during winter because they move. Tourists visit them a lot. Scientists protect the whale because they don't want them to disappear.

