

ENGLISH UNIT 8 Amazing animals

Talking about animals and comparisons

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1 Words to describe animals

We can use adjectives to describe animals.

big



The elephant is **big**.

small



The rabbit is **small**.

tall



The giraffe is **tall**.

fast



The cheetah is **fast**.

slow



The turtle is **slow**.

dangerous



The lion is **dangerous**.

pretty



The bird is **pretty**.

quiet



The rabbit is **quiet**.

3 Superlatives

We use superlatives to compare three or more animals.

the + adjective-est

Use with short adjectives
(e.g. big, tall, fast).

the most + adjective

Use with long adjectives
(e.g. dangerous, beautiful).



The blue whale is **the biggest** animal.



The giraffe is **the tallest** animal.



The cheetah is **the fastest** animal.

The lion is one of **the most dangerous** animals.

Some irregular forms:

good → **best**

bad → **worst**

6 Common mistakes

✗ Elephants are **more bigger** than rhinos.

✓ Elephants are **bigger** than rhinos.



✗ The cheetah is **faster** animal.

✓ The cheetah is **the fastest** animal.



✗ A giraffe is **more tall** than a zebra.

✓ A giraffe is **taller** than a zebra.



2 Comparative adjectives

We use comparative adjectives to compare two animals.

-er + than

Use with short adjectives
(e.g. big, tall, fast).

more + adjective + than

Use with long adjectives
(e.g. dangerous, beautiful).



Elephants are **bigger** than rhinos.



A cheetah is **faster** than a turtle.



A giraffe is **taller** than a zebra.



A lion is **more dangerous** than a rabbit.

Remember spelling!

big → bigger

small → smaller

tall → taller

fast → faster

quiet → quieter

4 Why do you like it?

We can say why we like an animal.

I like giraffes **because** they are tall and pretty.

5 Examples

- ✓ Elephants are **bigger** than rhinos.
- ✓ A cheetah is **faster** than a turtle.
- ✓ The giraffe is **the tallest** animal.
- ✓ The blue whale is **the biggest** animal.
- ✓ I like lions because they are strong and dangerous.

