

WORLD RECORDS

Hi, I'm Daisy!

In this unit we learn how to use superlative adjectives to talk about records. We also learn about natural and man-made environmental features and how to ask for information about them. I'm writing a blog about London. Do you know what the Thames is?



1 Look and match in pairs. Listen and check. Then, listen and repeat.

bridge building cable car lake mountain

river road roller coaster skyscraper train

DISCOVERY TASK

2 Listen and say.

3 Guess the word in pairs.

It's man-made. It's got eight letters and the third letter is *i*.

Building!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Classify! How many environmental features can you name in English?

LEARNING TO LEARN

natural	man-made
river	bridge

GRAMMAR

Living in London



1 Listen and read.

Hi, everyone! Can I tell you about my favourite city?

London is **the biggest** city in the UK and it's the capital. It's famous for its red buses and black taxis. It's got **the oldest** underground railway too. Everybody calls it 'the tube'. About half a million mice live in the tunnels of the tube.

The most popular museum in London is the British Museum. There are other fascinating museums too, including a cinema museum, a rugby museum and a magic museum.



If you're in London, you can go in a boat along the River Thames or visit the London Eye. My favourite tourist attraction is Tower Bridge. It's **the most famous** bridge in London. It usually opens for ships twice a day.

London has got lots of parks. I really like Hyde Park. You can have a picnic or ride your bike there. I think it's **the most peaceful** place in London. In Hyde Park, there's a lake. On Christmas Day, there's a swimming race there. The swimmers are brave: the water is freezing!



2 Answer the questions.

- 1 What is London famous for?
- 2 What's 'the tube'?
- 3 How often does Tower Bridge open?
- 4 What can you do in Hyde Park?
- 5 Where's the swimming race? When is it?
- 6 Do you want to visit London? Why? / Why not?

3 Listen and say *True* or *False*. Then ask in pairs.

BIG cities	London	New York	Paris	Berlin
 tallest building	The Shard	One World Trade Centre	The Eiffel Tower	Television Tower
 biggest station	Waterloo	Grand Central	Gare du Nord	Hauptbahnhof
 most popular museum	British Museum	Metropolitan Museum	Le Louvre	Pergamonmuseum
 biggest park	Hyde Park	Central Park	Bois de Boulogne	Tiergarten

What's **the biggest** station in New York?

Grand Central!

1 Watch the video 'World records'.  Then, read and say the complete sentences. 

- 1 Joel's dad sees a competition in the ...
- 2 The prize is a holiday in ...
- 3 The longest roller coaster in the world is in ...
- 4 The Steel Dragon is ... kilometres long.
- 5 The tallest ... in the world is in Dubai.
- 6 The skyscraper is ... metres tall.
- 7 The ... train in the world goes at 430 kilometres an hour.
- 8 The highest ... in the world is in Venezuela.



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Amazing! The longest swimming pool in the world is in my country. It's 1,000 metres long.
Felipe, Chile

2 Listen and find one sentence from the table.  2.5

Superlative adjectives		
with 1 syllable	with 2 + syllables	ending in -y
The fastest train in the world is in China.	The most famous building in Paris is the Eiffel Tower.	My sister is the sportiest person in my family.
Where's the longest roller coaster?	What's the most beautiful season in your country?	Who's the funniest person in your family?

PAIRWORK 

Student A look at page 81
Student B look at page 84
• Ask and answer with superlatives.

3 Look and guess what the numbers refer to. Then, listen and check.  2.6

World records



The longest glass-bottomed bridge
2017 488



The biggest school
52,000 3,700



The longest river
11 6,853

LIFE SKILLS BE NET-SMART!



BEFORE you WATCH

- Do you believe everything you see on the internet?
- How can you tell if something is true or fake?

1 Watch, then say the name.

That's an advert.

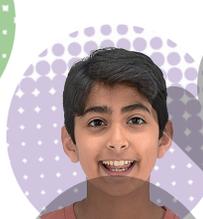
It goes across the Atlantic ocean.



Lisa



Amy



Tom

Some amazing things are really true.

Where did you read that?

2 Watch again and answer.

- 1 What's Tom's project about?
- 2 Is the world's longest bridge 5,400 km long?
- 3 What does the Thunderbolt website want you to buy?
- 4 Can shoes really make you run ten times faster?
- 5 How long did it take Yusheng Du to solve the Rubik's cube?

3 Read, think and suggest more ideas.

Language and tips for life

▶ Are you net-smart?

Check the facts.

Check who the writer is.

Don't believe everything you read.

AFTER you WATCH

4 Read and listen. Match in pairs.

Then, listen and check.

- 1 False. It's old information. Check the facts!
- 2 False. It's a joke. Don't believe everything you read!
- 3 False. It's an advert. Check who the writer is!
- 4 True. Check different sites to be sure!

The Perfect Pen Does your teacher say she can't read your writing? Don't worry! A perfect pen automatically makes your writing beautiful. Buy a perfect pen today. They're just 25€.



The tallest skyscraper The tallest skyscraper in the world is the Taipei 101 building in Taipei, Taiwan. It's 508 metres tall and has 101 floors. It has the fastest lifts in the world too, so you can travel to the top in just 40 seconds!



Paint it green! The Sydney Opera House is the most famous building in Australia, but did you know the mayor of Sydney plans to paint it green? The Opera House needs some new paint, so the mayor asked people which colour they liked. The most popular colour was green.



The oldest person ever! Jeanne Calment lived in France. She was from a rich family and didn't have a job. In her free time, she liked playing the piano, tennis and cycling. She was fond of chocolate too! Jeanne Calment died in 1997 at the age of 122.



THE EXCHANGE STUDENT

1

Cooper is from Sydney, Australia. He's an exchange student staying with Gaia in Vancouver, Canada. It's summer in Australia at the moment, but it's winter in Canada. Cooper doesn't like the cold weather. He's making a video diary to remember his trip.



2

Cooper: Today we're at Science world. Gaia, can you tell us about the museum?

Gaia: Well, it's the most popular building in Vancouver and I think it's the most beautiful too. What's the most popular place to visit in Sydney?

Cooper: The Opera House, I think. It's also one of the most unusual buildings in the world. Oh, no! It's starting to snow. Is it always as cold as this here?

Gaia: No, it's lovely here in the summer, but January is the coldest month. Come on, let's go inside the museum.



3



Cooper: Today we're sailing on the Burrard Inlet with Gaia, the bravest sailor in Canada.

Dad: Ha ha! She's the laziest sailor in Canada.

Cooper: That bridge is amazing!

Gaia: Yes, it's the Lions Gate Bridge! It's the biggest bridge in Vancouver.

Cooper: Well, it's the most impressive. How long is it?

Gaia: Oh, I'm not sure. Do you know, Dad?

Dad: It's 1,823 metres long and 111 metres high. Now, come and help me!

4

Cooper: Here we are in Gastown, the oldest part of Vancouver. And this is the strangest clock in the world! It's a steam clock and it whistles a tune every hour. How old is it Gaia?
Gaia: It's only 45 years old, so not very old.



5

Cooper: Today we're on top of Grouse Mountain. That was the scariest cable car ride EVER! How high is the mountain, Gaia?
Gaia: It's 1,231 metres high. It's not the highest mountain in Canada, but it's the nearest mountain to Vancouver. And the cable car is terrific!
Cooper: Let's go to the café now. I'm cold.



6

Cooper: Today is my last day in Vancouver. We're here on Granville island eating Poutine. Gaia, is this the most popular food in Canada?
Gaia: Yes, and it's definitely the most popular food for seagulls!



Top Tip!



LEARNING TO LEARN

Work with a friend to understand difficult words or sentences.

Before you read

- 1 What is the most unusual building in your area?

Read

- 2 Read and listen. 2.9

After you read

- 3 Answer the questions in your notebook.
- 1 Which continent is Cooper from?
- 2 What season is it when it's January in Sydney?
- 3 Which is the most famous building in Sydney?
- 4 Which is the biggest bridge in Vancouver?
- 5 What's the scariest way to get to the top of Grouse Mountain?
- 6 What's the most popular food in Canada?

OUR VALUES

Learn about where you come from.

- Plan an interesting weekend for a foreign visitor. Include:
 - ✓ suggestions of local dishes to eat
 - ✓ one cultural stop
 - ✓ one historical stop
 - ✓ one fun place

1 Listen and say the missing numbers. 

- 1 **How big** is Cooper's school?
There are ... students.
- 2 **How cold** is it in winter in Sydney?
It doesn't go below ...°C.
- 3 **How hot** is it in the summer?
It can be over ...°C.
- 4 **How long** is Cooper's journey to school?
It takes ... minutes.
- 5 **How fast** does the school bus go?
It never goes faster than ... km/h.
- 6 **How old** is Cooper's brother?
He's ...
- 7 **How tall** is he?
He's ...m tall.

GO BACK AND LOOK! 

Look at the story again and answer.

- 1 How long is the Lion's Gate Bridge?
- 2 How old is the Gastown clock?
- 3 How high is the Lion's Gate Bridge?
- 4 How high is Grouse Mountain?

2 Read and match in your notebook. 

Cooper's favourite animals are kangaroos. He goes to see them in the Blue Mountain Wild Life Park near Sydney.

1 Kangaroos can live for ...	a ... 3 metres high.
2 Adult kangaroos are heavy. They can weigh ...	b ... 2 metres tall.
3 They're fast. They can go up to ...	c ... 2.5 centimetres long.
4 They can hop as far as ...	d ... 90 kilograms.
5 They can jump ...	e ... for 10 months.
6 They're tall. Adults can grow up to ...	f ... 6 years in the wild.
7 Babies are called joeys. When they're born they're ...	g ... 60 kilometres per hour.
8 Joeys stay in their mother's pouch ...	h ... 9 metres.

3 Test your memory. Ask and answer in pairs. 

How long do kangaroos live?

How heavy are they?

How far can they hop?

How high can they jump?

How tall are they?

WORD WORK: SPELLING IN COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

1 Listen and read.  



Word Work says...

When we write comparative and superlative adjectives, we add **-er** and **-est** to adjectives with one syllable. Look:

Cheetahs are **faster** than lions.
The **fastest** train in the world is in China.

When an adjective ends in consonant - vowel - consonant, we double the final letter. Look:
Canada is **bigger** than the USA.
Russia is the **biggest** country in the world.

W is different. We don't double the final letter when an adjective ends in **-w**:
slow - **slower** - **slowest**

When an adjective ends in **-y**, we change the **-y** to an **-i** and add **-er**:
My friend is **sportier** than me.
My sister is the **sportiest** person in my family.

2 Write correct sentences in your notebook. 

Comparative adjectives:

- Isabel is **tall** than her brother.
- Zebras are **slow** than horses.
- Joe is **friendly** than Adam.

Superlative adjectives:

- My grandad is the **funny** person in my family.
- Berlin is the **big** city in Germany.
- Chloe is the **sporty** girl in her class.

WRITING: AN ADVERT

3 Read and answer.  



Visit beautiful Scotland!

Use adjectives

Do you like nature? Then come to Scotland!

Scotland is a country of snowy mountains, blue lakes and green forests.

Use questions

Climb the highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Then ride a bike around a beautiful lake.

Use imperatives

Visit our exciting cities! Edinburgh is the capital city. It's a historic city with an amazing castle. Then go to Glasgow! It's the biggest city in Scotland and it's famous for its art galleries and parks.

Do you want to see a monster? Then visit Loch Ness. A legend says that a monster lives in the lake. Take a boat on the lake and look for the monster!

Scotland is famous for its animals. You can see red squirrels, dolphins and sea eagles. They're the biggest birds in Scotland and they live on our islands. Did you know that Scotland has got 800 islands?

Top Tip! 

LEARNING TO LEARN

When you write an advert, be enthusiastic!

- Find superlative adjectives in the advert.
- Find three examples of imperatives.
- How many questions are there?

▶ Now go to page 32 in the Activity Book and write an advert. 



1 Read and listen.   2.12



United States national parks



Hi! I'm Jasper from the United States. My family live in a big city, but we always go to a national park for our holidays. I love nature and my blog is about national parks.



Yellowstone National Park is the oldest national park in the world. Many people visit to see the amazing animals and

take photos. Yellowstone is famous for its geysers too. The tallest geyser in the world is here. It throws water 100 metres into the air, but be careful, the water is very hot!

Redwood National Park is my favourite. It's a big forest with enormous red wood trees. The tallest tree in the world is here. It's 115 metres tall.



It's taller than the Statue of Liberty! I love listening to the birds here.

Isle Royale National Park is an island. It's in the biggest lake in the world, Lake Superior. The island is very big, but there aren't any roads or cars here. When you visit a friend or go shopping, you go by boat! It's peaceful here. You can go kayaking, walk or take photos of birds.

The Grand Canyon is the deepest canyon in the United States. It's 1,800 metres deep. You can walk along the top or take a boat along the river at the bottom.

Every year, five million people visit the canyon. Fantastic photos guaranteed!



I love your photos, Jasper! In my country, we've got geysers too.
Hanna, Iceland

YOUR GO!

What's your favourite national park in the blog? Why do you like it?

Name national parks in your country.

2 Answer the questions. 

- 1 How deep is the Grand Canyon?
- 2 Is the Statue of Liberty 115 metres tall?
- 3 In which parks can you travel by boat?
- 4 Why are geysers dangerous?
- 5 Which national park is famous for its animals?
- 6 What's the biggest lake in the world?

MY NEW WORDS

LEARNING TO LEARN

be careful

canyon

geyser

kayaking

the bottom

the top

Do you want to learn more about national parks? Watch the video 'The United States' most extreme national parks'.



UNIT REVIEW

TEST YOURSELF! LEARNING TO LEARN

How many adjectives can you write in two minutes?
Ready? **GO, GO, GO!**

1 Read and guess. Then, listen and check.  2.13



How much do you know about European records?

- 1 Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in Europe. How high is it?
a) 4,020m b) 4,808m c) 5,116m
- 2 Where is the highest cable car in Europe?
a) Mount Snowdon (Wales) b) Fuente Dé (Spain) c) L'Aiguille du Midi (France)
- 3 How high is the tallest skyscraper in Europe?
a) 382.1m b) 404.2m c) 373.7m
- 4 The Volga is the longest river in Europe. How long is it?
a) 4,019km b) 3,530km c) 3,259km
- 5 Which is the highest bridge in Europe?
a) the Millau Viaduct b) the Russky Bridge c) the Europa Bridge
- 6 How old is the oldest building in Europe?
a) more than 6,800 years b) more than 7,100 years c) more than 6,900 years
- 7 The AGV Italo is the fastest train in Europe. How fast can it go?
a) 535.2 km/h b) 477.5 km/h c) 574.8 km/h

2 Look, read and say who. Then, ask and answer in pairs.  

	 Dwayne Moony	 Leo Lessi	 Chris Grimaldo
How old ...?	31	30	32
How tall ...?	1.76m	1.7m	1.85m
How fast ...?	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓✓
How popular ...?	✓✓	✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓
How hard-working ...?	✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓

How tall is Grimaldo?

Who's the most popular?

- 1 This player is older than Lessi, but he isn't the oldest.
- 2 Who is the shortest of the three?
- 3 This player is slower than Grimaldo, but he isn't the slowest.
- 4 This player is more popular than Moony, but he isn't the most popular.