Comparatives and superlatives – ANSWERS

1. Read and find.
Find the comparative and superlative adjectives and write them in the boxes.

This is my family. I am taller than my brother and sister but my dad is the tallest. My mum is a vet and my dad is a teacher. I think being a vet is more interesting than being a teacher because you work with animals. I want to be an astronaut – I think this is the most interesting job! Being a vet is easier than being a teacher though, because teachers have to correct lots of homework. My job is the easiest – I'm a student!

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We can use **comparatives and superlatives** to compare things and to say which thing is top in a group.
- one syllable: tall – taller – the tallest
- two syllables with ‘y’: easy – easier – the easiest
- two or more syllables: interesting – more interesting – the most interesting

Be careful! good – better – the best / bad – worse – the worst

2. Where does it go?
Write the adjectives in the correct group. Can you write the comparative and superlative form too?

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3. What’s the order?
Write sentences about the animals using comparatives and superlatives.

a. fast: mouse / cheetah / cat

The cat is faster than the mouse but the cheetah is the fastest.

b. intelligent: dolphin / dog / chimpanzee

The dolphin is more intelligent than the dog but the chimpanzee is the most intelligent.

c. short: giraffe / horse / penguin

The horse is shorter than the giraffe but the penguin is the shortest.

d. heavy: hippo / elephant / blue whale

The elephant is heavier than the hippo but the blue whale is the heaviest.

e. dangerous: shark / mosquito / rabbit

The shark is more dangerous than the rabbit but the mosquito is the most dangerous.

f. lazy: koala / cat / dog

The cat is lazier than the dog but the koala is the laziest.

4. Write and draw!
Children write about their family like in exercise 1 using comparatives and superlatives, and draw a picture.