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Land and sea

Grammar start

Angel Falls **are higher than** Iguazu Falls.
The Amazon **is wider than** the Parana.

1 Listen, say and point.



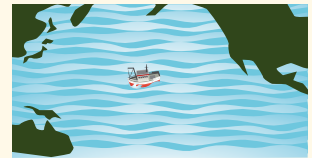
desert



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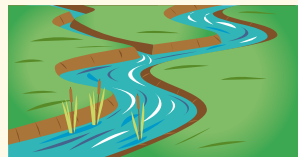
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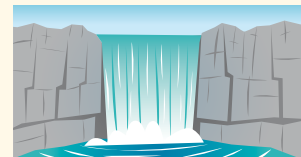
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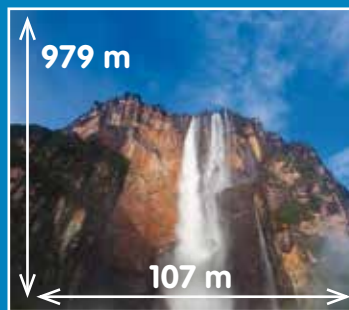


waterfall

2 Read and listen. What countries are the places in?

Natural wonders of South America

Angel Falls are in Venezuela. Iguazu Falls are in Brazil and Argentina. Angel Falls are higher than Iguazu Falls. Iguazu Falls are wider than Angel Falls.



Angel Falls



Iguazu Falls



Atacama



Patagonian

The Atacama Desert is in Chile. The Patagonian Desert is in Argentina. The Atacama Desert is hotter than the Patagonian Desert. It is also drier than the Patagonian Desert.

3 Read and complete.

We use **be** + **comparative** adjective + **than** to compare two things.

Angel Falls are **higher than** Iguazu Falls.

Atacama is **hotter than** Patagonia.

Iguazu Falls are **wider than** Angel Falls.

Atacama is **drier than** Patagonia.

To form the comparative with **short** adjectives:

1 we add **-er** to most adjectives:

cold → colder high → _____

2 If an adjective ends in **-e**, just add **-r**:

large → larger wide → _____

3 If a short adjective ends with a **consonant** + **vowel** + **consonant**, double the final consonant and add **-er**:

big → **bigger** hot → _____

4 If an adjective ends in **-y**, change the **y** to **i** and add **-er**:

windy → wind**ier** dry → _____

4 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjective.

More wonders of South America

- a Lake Titicaca is bigger (big) than Lake Junin.
- b It is also _____ (deep) than Lake Junin.
- c The Amazon River is _____ (long) than the Parana River.
- d It is also _____ (wide) than the Parana River.
- e The Amazon Rainforest is _____ (hot) than the Great Chaco Forest.
- f The Great Chaco Forest is _____ (dry) than the Amazon Rainforest.



1 Look at the table. Write the words in order.

	Pacific	Atlantic	Indian	Arctic
Earth's surface	30%	21%	14%	3%
Maximum depth	11,033 m	8,648 m	7,125 m	5,450 m
Top temperature	21°C	20°C	28°C	0°C

- a than / the Atlantic Ocean / is / the Pacific Ocean / bigger
The Pacific Ocean is bigger than the Atlantic Ocean.
- b smaller / the Arctic Ocean / than / is / the Indian Ocean

- c the Atlantic Ocean / deeper / the Arctic Ocean / is / than

- d the Pacific Ocean / than / is / the Indian Ocean / warmer

- e the Atlantic Ocean / colder / is / the Arctic Ocean / than

2 Complete the sentences. Write the name of the ocean.

- a It's bigger (big) than the Arctic Ocean. It's warmer (warm) than the Pacific Ocean. → The Indian Ocean.
- b It's _____ (small) _____ the Pacific Ocean. It's _____ (large) _____ the Indian Ocean. → _____
- c It's _____ (cold) _____ the Indian Ocean. It's _____ (warm) _____ the Atlantic Ocean. → _____
- d It's _____ (deep) and _____ (big) _____ the Atlantic Ocean. → _____

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. Listen and check.

long wide deep big high wet



- a Mount Kosciuszko is higher than Mount Zeil.
- b The Murray River _____ the Darling River.
- c The Great Victoria Desert _____ the Great Sandy Desert.
- d Wollomombi Falls _____ Wallaman Falls.
- e The Great Sandy Desert _____ the Great Victoria Desert.
- f Lake Eyre _____ Lake Torrens.

4 Quiz a partner about the facts in this unit.

The Atlantic Ocean is bigger than the Arctic Ocean.


True.

La Rinconada is **the highest** city on Earth.
The Amazon is **the largest** rainforest.

1  Read and listen. Choose your favourite holiday.



The Amazing Amazon!
Sail down the Amazon – it's the widest river on Earth. Visit the tropical rainforest. It's the largest on the planet.



Chile and Peru *perfect for you!*
Travel across the Andes, the longest mountain range on Earth. Visit La Rinconada. It's the highest city in the world!

We use **superlative** adjectives to compare three or more things and say that one of them is 'number one'.



La Rinconada is **the highest** city in the world.
The Amazon forest is **the largest** rainforest.

2  Complete and circle. Listen and check.

- a The **Pacific** / **Indian** Ocean is the warmest (warm) ocean in the world.
- b The **Sahara** / **Atacama** is _____ (hot) desert in the world.
- c The **Arctic** / **Antarctic** is _____ (cold) place on Earth.
- d **Mount Everest** / **K2** is _____ (high) mountain in the world.
- e **Lake Baikal** / **Lake Titicaca** is _____ (deep) lake on Earth.
- f **Khone Falls** / **Angel Falls** is _____ (wide) waterfall.

3 Complete with the correct form of *be* and the words in the box.

large dry big windy high cold

Antarctica is a continent around the South Pole. It is covered in ice, but it is a desert! It measures about 14 million km², so it (a) is the largest desert in the world. In winter, the temperature is minus 60°C. It (b) _____ place on Earth. It (c) _____ place in the world, too – sometimes the wind reaches 320 km/h. There is less than 5.1 cm of rain a year, so it (d) _____ desert in the world. There are mountains in Antarctica. Vinson Massif (e) _____ mountain on the continent rising to 4,892m. There are also lakes under the ice. Lake Vostok is (f) _____ lake. It measures 15,690 km².

4 Write a holiday advert for your town/country or another place.

Visit _____!

a _____ is the biggest _____.

b _____ is the _____.

c _____ is _____.

d _____

e _____

