

# Story Central Plus

Grammar  
Booster  
in every unit

Student Book  
**3**  
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1 Listen and number. Then say.



- 1 ocean   2 island   3 mountain   4 lake  
5 desert   6 waterfall   7 volcano

2 Test a friend.

Greenland.

An island!

3 Write about features in your country.

In my country, there's a big volcano. It's named Popocatepetl! There isn't a desert.

1 Listen and read. Check (✓) your favorite mountain.

### Mountains of Africa

Burj Khalifa  
Country: Dubai

Table Mountain  
Country: South Africa

Kilimanjaro  
Country: Tanzania

**Table Mountain**  
Table Mountain is a beautiful mountain near the ocean in Cape Town, South Africa. It is 1,086 m. tall. That's taller than the Burj Khalifa in Dubai! It takes six hours to walk to the top of Table Mountain. At the top of Table Mountain, it is warm and sunny. From the top, you can see an island in the ocean.

**Kilimanjaro**  
Kilimanjaro is a big mountain in Tanzania. It is an old volcano. It is 5,895 m. tall. It's bigger than Table Mountain. It takes six days to walk to the top. It's cold and snowy at the top of Kilimanjaro. Kilimanjaro is colder than Table Mountain. Table Mountain is sunnier than Kilimanjaro. And it's a longer walk to the top of Kilimanjaro.

**Where do you want to go — Kilimanjaro or Table Mountain?**

2 Circle the words ending in -er in the text. Complete the sentences.

- Table Mountain is taller than the Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
- Kilimanjaro is bigger than Table Mountain.
- It's a longer walk to the top of Kilimanjaro than to the top of Table Mountain.

3 Make sentences about places you know.

The Amazon River is longer than the Nile River.

São Paulo is warmer than London.



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Kilimanjaro is colder **than** Table Mountain.  
Kilimanjaro is bigger **than** Table Mountain.  
Table Mountain is sunnier **than** Kilimanjaro.

Grammar Booster on page 88

1 Listen and read. Then use the words to make new dialogue.



great  
interesting

It has more pictures.  
It has better pictures.  
I like the characters.

2 Look at the story on page 81. What do you think the characters are looking at?

3 Listen and read. Answer the questions.

1 What is Goanna? .....

2 Who is telling the story? .....

3 What is the relationship between Bindi and the storyteller?  
.....

4 What do you think the egg is?  
.....

# Goanna and the Moon

7 Up ahead, Goanna saw a mountain. "It's far away," she thought. But as she got closer, the mountain looked smaller. It was not a mountain at all — it was an ant hill. A lot of bright little ants were crawling over the hill. It was warmer here on the ant hill.



8 "This place is perfect," thought Goanna. She dug a deep nest in the ant hill. It was warm inside. She dug deeper and deeper, and in the deepest part of her nest, she laid a beautiful big, round, white egg.

"I think I can see the ants now, Grandpa." "Maybe you can," says Grandpa.

9 "I think I know what the egg is, Grandpa!" "I think you do, Bindi," says Grandpa.



The bright little ants crawled around the egg. "Good," thought Goanna. "My baby will have lots of ants to eat when he hatches out."



# Lesson 4 Time to Think

- 1 Read the story in your Reader on pages 28–32 again.
- 2 Match the phrases to make sentences.

## Reading Report

1 Bindi and her grandpa	a to lay her egg.
2 Goanna wants	b is very cold at night.
3 The volcano is	c what the egg is.
4 The desert	d are next to the lake.
5 Bindi knows	e too hot.
6 Goanna is	f happy at the end of the story.

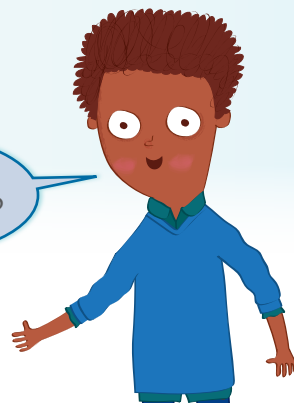
- 3 Choose another place for Goanna to try to lay her egg. Describe it.

Goanna went to .....

It was .....

- 4 Talk about the story.

Who tells you stories?



# Lesson 5

- 1 Listen and number. Then sing.



**Our World Weather**

Out in the desert,  
It's **warm** and **bright**,  
But later on,  
It gets **chilly** at night.

Up in the mountains,  
It's **freezing** today.  
It's **stormy** and **icy**,  
Just stay away.

Down in the lake,  
It's **foggy** they say,  
And very **damp**,  
It's not a nice day.

- 2 Choose places in your country. Talk about the weather there.

In the desert in my country, it's very warm.

- 3 Complete the sentences. Use these words.

- 1 The sun is shining. It's very **warm** today.
- 2 I can't see. It's very .....
- 3 It's very ..... outside. Don't fall.
- 4 It's .....! Put on a sweater.

foggy  
freezing  
icy  
~~warm~~

- 4 Listen and say the chant.

It's **warmer** and **brighter** in the day,  
but it's **chillier** and **icier** at night.

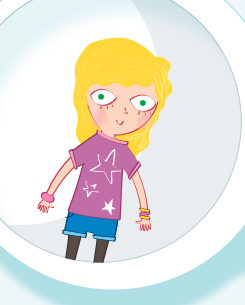


- 5 Find it!  
How many can you find on the page?  
-er and -ier words

## Spelling Central

warm — warmer  
hot — hotter  
chilly — chillier





1 ))) Listen and read. What are the children doing?

**Quiz Week**

1 I'm not very good at geography. What's the largest continent in the world?  
Asia.  
Yes!

2 Antarctica?  
Where is the coldest place in the world?  
That's right.

3 What is the biggest city in the world?  
Mexico City?  
No. Tokyo is the biggest city in the world.

4 Where is the windiest place in the world?  
I don't know.  
Then let's look it up on the Internet. That's what computers are for!

5 Are there any questions about sports? I know a lot about sports!  
Oh, Cheng!

2 Complete the sentences.

- The Amazon River is a long river. It's one of the longest rivers in the world.
- The Arctic Ocean is a small ocean. It's one of the ..... oceans in the world.
- Mt. Everest is a tall mountain. It's one of the ..... mountains in the world.
- Lake Victoria is a big lake. It's one of the ..... lakes in the world.

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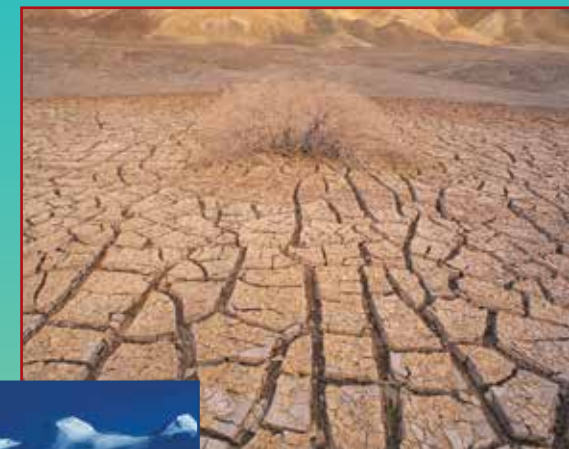
Antarctica is **the coldest** place in the world.  
Asia is **the largest** continent in the world.  
**What is the biggest** city in the world?  
**Where is the windiest** place in the world?

Grammar Booster on page 89

1 Read. Where's the coldest place in the world?

Extreme Earth

The Hottest Place in the World



Where do you think the hottest place in the world is? The hottest place in the world is Death Valley in the United States. It's really hot! It's even hotter than the Sahara Desert. In July 1913, the temperature in Death Valley was 57° Celsius. That's the hottest air temperature in history!

The Coldest Place in the World



The coldest place in the world is Antarctica. Antarctica is a continent, but very few people live there because it's so cold. The days are very different from our days. For the first six months of the year, there is only sunlight. Then for the second six months of the year, there is only darkness. In July 1983, the temperature was -89.2° Celsius. That's the coldest air temperature in history!

2 Read and correct.

- The hottest place in the world is the Sahara Desert. Death Valley.....
- A lot of people live in Antarctica. ....
- It's dark for four months of the year in Antarctica. ....
- Antarctica has the hottest air temperature in history. ....

3 Class Vote

Is it better to live in a very hot place or a very cold place? Why / Why not?

**Find Out More!** Find out about weather in the rest of the world. Where are the windiest, wettest, and driest places?

**You need:**

- a piece of foam
- scissors
- a drinking straw
- a pin
- a pencil with an eraser on top
- a plastic cup
- modeling clay, poster board, and pens

**Prepare**

**1 Make a weather vane.**



- 1 Cut out a rectangle and a triangle from the foam. Make a cut in both ends of the straw. Put the triangle in one end and the rectangle in the other end.
- 2 Push the pin through the straw and into the eraser on the pencil. Make sure the straw can move.
- 3 Put the other end of the pencil into the yogurt pot. Stick the pot to the posterboard. Write *N, E, S, W* for North, East, South, and West.

**Showcase**

**2 Find out about the wind.**

- 1 Now put your weather vane outside. Look at the triangle. Which way is the wind blowing today?
- 2 Look at the triangle tomorrow. Is the wind blowing in the same direction?



**Ideas Box**

It's windier today than yesterday.  
Where is the windiest place in the yard?  
Let's check out the weather tomorrow!

**1 Listen and complete. Use the comparative or superlative form of these adjectives.**

chilly warm hot big tall

- 1 The winter is chillier than the summer.
- 2 Nights at the bottom of the mountain are ..... than at the top.
- 3 The summer is ..... than the winter.
- 4 The lake is the ..... in the country.
- 5 The waterfall is one of the ..... in the world.



**2 Complete the superlative questions. Then write answers.**

- 1 What is the biggest (big) animal in your country?  
The biggest animal is the .....
- 2 Who's the ..... (tall) teacher in your school?  
.....
- 3 Where's the ..... (quiet) place to study?  
.....
- 4 What is the ..... (late) time you can go to bed?  
.....

**3 Think about Chapter 6. Color and complete for you.**



**Treasure Hunt!**

Look back at pages 4 and 5. Find:

the tallest person in Story Central

# Grammar Booster

## Comparative Adjectives

### 1 Read and complete.

To compare two people, places, or things, use a comparative adjective + **than**.



Add <b>-er</b> to most short adjectives.	fast	→ faster than
	slow	→ <b>1</b> <u>slower</u> than
Add <b>-r</b> to adjectives ending in <b>-e</b> .	large	→ larger than
	wide	→ <b>2</b> ..... than
Remove <b>-y</b> in adjectives ending in <b>-y</b> and add <b>-ier</b> .	<b>3</b> .....	→ sunnier than
	heavy	→ <b>4</b> ..... than
In adjectives ending in a vowel + consonant, double the consonant and add <b>-er</b> .	<b>5</b> .....	→ hotter than
	big	→ <b>6</b> ..... than

### 2 Look and complete with **than**.

The Geography of China				
Beijing 20°C	Tianmu Mountain 1,506 m	Yellow River 5,464 km	Tianchi Lake 4.9 km <sup>2</sup>	Gobi Desert 1,295,000 km <sup>2</sup>
Shanghai 25°C	Laojun Mountain 4,513 m	Yangtze River 6,300 km	West Lake 6.5 km <sup>2</sup>	Lop Desert 50,000 km <sup>2</sup>

- Shanghai is warmer than Beijing.
- Laojun Mountain is ..... Tianmu Mountain.
- The Yangtze River is ..... Yellow River.
- Tianchi Lake is ..... West Lake.
- The Gobi Desert is ..... the Lop Desert.

big  
small  
long  
tall  
~~warm~~

## Superlative Adjectives

### 1 Read and complete.

To compare three or more people, places, or things, use **the** + a superlative adjective.



Add <b>-est</b> to most short adjectives.	fast	→ <b>1</b> the <u>fastest</u>
	slow	→ the slowest
Add <b>-st</b> to adjectives ending in <b>-e</b> .	large	→ <b>2</b> the .....
	wide	→ the widest
Remove <b>-y</b> in adjectives ending in <b>-y</b> and add <b>-iest</b> .	sunny	→ <b>3</b> the .....
	<b>4</b> .....	→ the heaviest
In adjectives ending in a vowel + consonant, double the consonant and add <b>-est</b> .	hot	→ <b>5</b> the .....
	<b>6</b> .....	→ the heaviest

### 2 Write the correct superlative adjective.

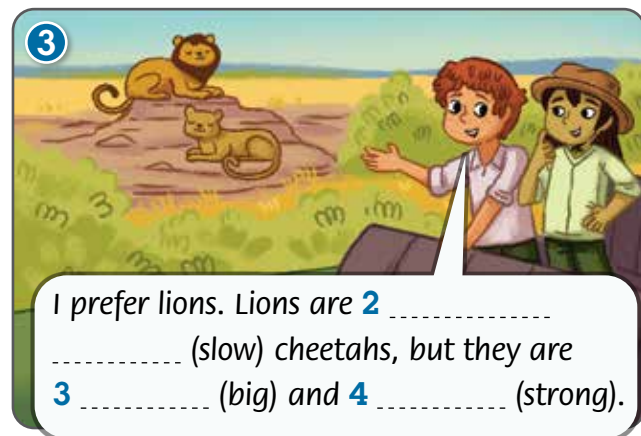
big ~~hot~~ long old small

- What is the hottest desert in the world? Death Valley
- Where is the ..... river in the world? It's in Egypt.
- What is the ..... country in South America? Suriname
- What is the ..... city in the USA? New York City
- Where is the ..... university in the world? It's in Italy.

### 3 Write questions. Ask and answer with the class.

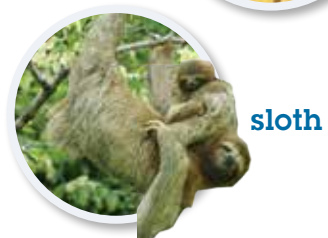
- What's the biggest ..... in ..... ?
- ..... ?
- ..... ?

## 1 Read and complete.



## 2 Complete.

- 1 Elephants are bigger than lions, but blue whales are the biggest animals in the world.
- 2 Elephants are ..... cheetahs, but sloths are the slowest animals in the world.
- 3 Lions are taller than cheetahs, but giraffes are ..... animals in the world.
- 4 Giraffes are faster than elephants, but cheetahs .....
- 5 Cheetahs are scarier than elephants, but .....



## 1 Read and circle the correct options.



**Jupiter** is **1 big** / **bigger than** / **the biggest** planet in the solar system and is more than 11 times **2 wide** / **wider than** / **the widest** Earth. It rotates around the Sun very **3 fast** / **faster than** / **the fastest**. Jupiter is also **4 bright** / **brighter than** / **the brightest** object in the solar system.

**Uranus** is about four times **5 big** / **bigger than** / **the biggest** Earth. Until the 1980s astronomers **6 believe** / **believing** / **believed** that it was the only planet with rings. But then they discovered that **7 there is** / **there was** / **there were** three other planets with rings – Saturn, Jupiter, and Neptune. With temperatures as low as  $-224^{\circ}\text{C}$ , they are the planets with **8 cold** / **colder than** / **the coldest** temperatures in the solar system.

**Mercury** is **9 small** / **smaller than** / **the smallest** planet. Because it is very **10 close** / **closer than** / **the closest** to the Sun, it is also **11 fast** / **faster than** / **the fastest**. It travels through space at 50 km per second and orbits the Sun every 88 Earth days.

## 2 Write three quiz questions about the solar system. Ask a friend.

- 1 Which planet is the ..... ?
- 2 ..... ?
- 3 ..... ?

### It's My World!

What do you know about the solar system? Share what you know.