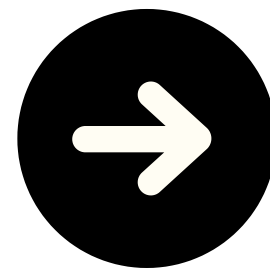




THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS (COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES)

LESSON A2



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Note for teachers:

*In this lesson, irregular adjectives are not included, as within the context of *The Secret Life of Pets* there are no natural or frequent examples where irregular comparative and superlative forms are required. However, if needed, you can introduce this language point separately by highlighting that irregular adjectives exist in English. For further practice and presentation of this topic, **please refer to our separate lesson on engmaterial.com**, where irregular adjectives are introduced and practised in detail.*



Cats can sleep for up
to 16 hours a day.





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to 16 hours a day.

True





Hamsters don't see
colors the same way
people do.





Hamsters don't see
colors the same way
people do.

False





Goldfish have a
three-second
memory.





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memory.

False





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their front paws and four
on their back paws.



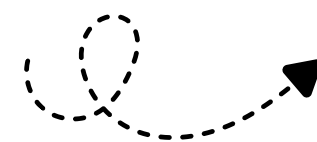


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their front paws and four
on their back paws.

True



1 Watch the trailer. Then look at the pictures below. Answer the questions.



[Link](#)



- What are this dog's plans?



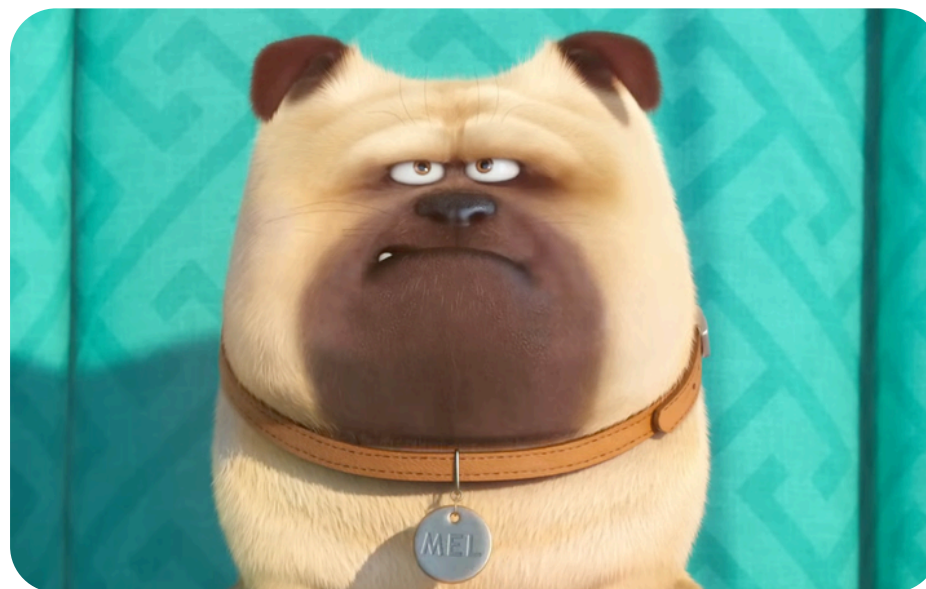
- Does the cat like the food?



- What is the parrot doing?



- What is the cat trying to do?



- Why is the dog angry?



- What are they doing?

2 Discuss the questions below.



1 Do you have a pet? What is its name?

2 What is your favorite animal? Why do you like it?

3 Do you think pets can feel happy and sad?

4 Would you like pets to talk? Why?



3

Look at the characters below. Discuss the questions.



Duke



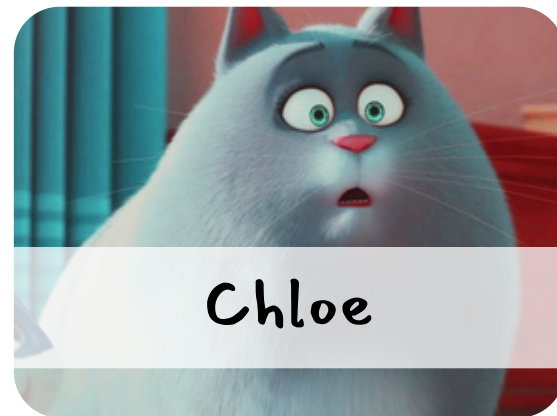
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Snowball



Gidget



Chloe



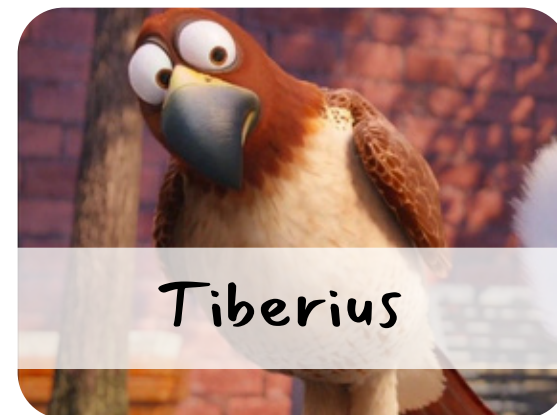
Buddy



Mel



Sweet Pea



Tiberius

Who is your favourite character in *The Secret Life of Pets*? Why?

3

Look at the characters below. Discuss the questions.



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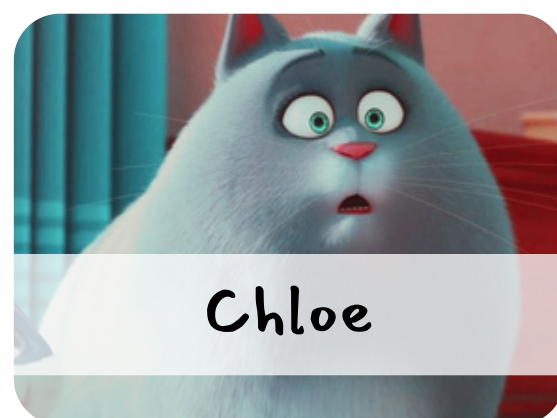
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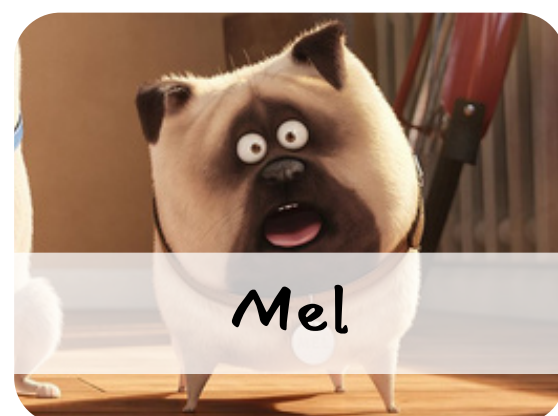
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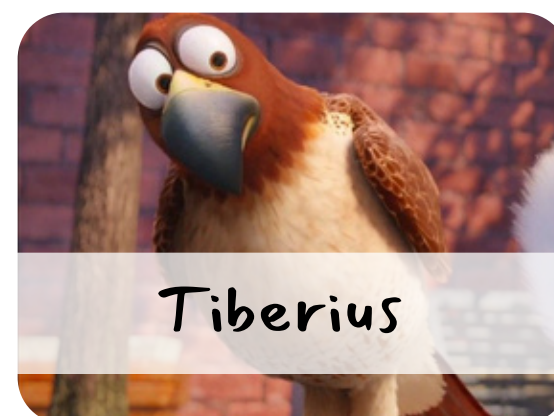
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Which character would
you like to have as a pet?
Why?

3

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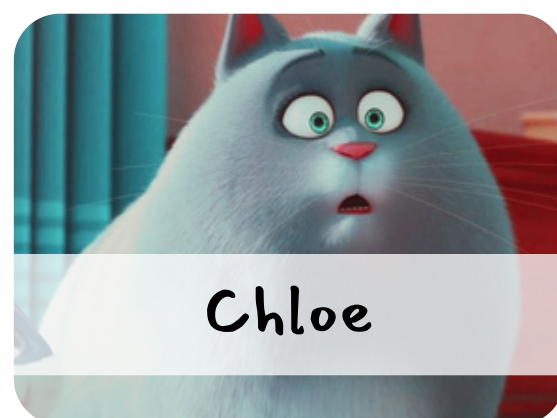
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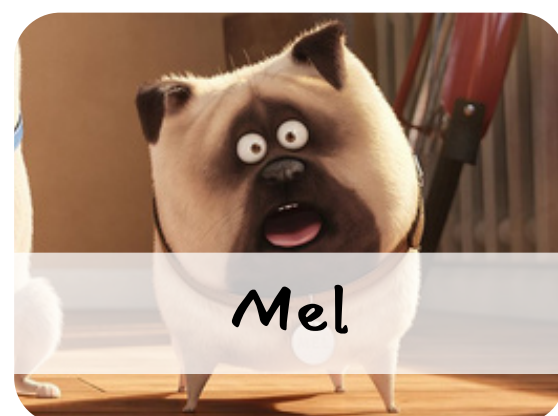
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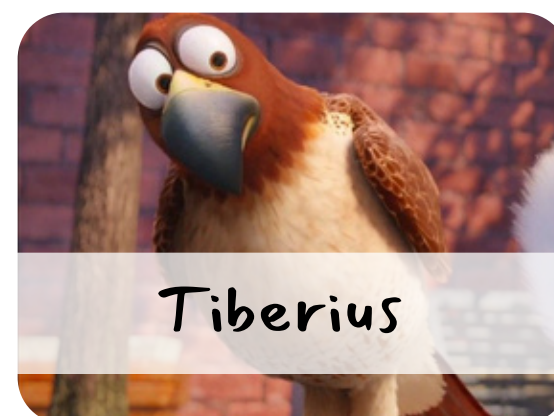
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Which character is most like you? Why?

3

Look at the characters below. Discuss the questions.



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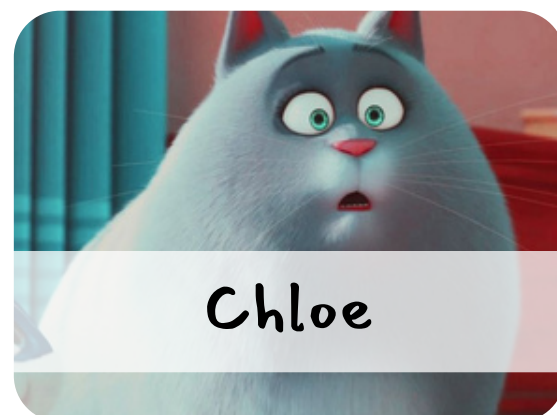
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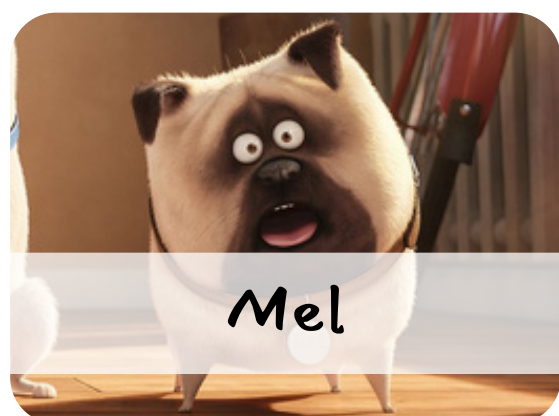
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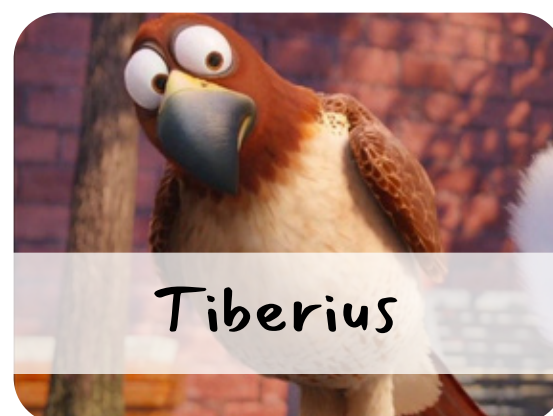
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Mel



Sweet Pea



Tiberius

Which character has the best name? Why?

3

Look at the characters below. Discuss the questions.



Duke



Max



Snowball



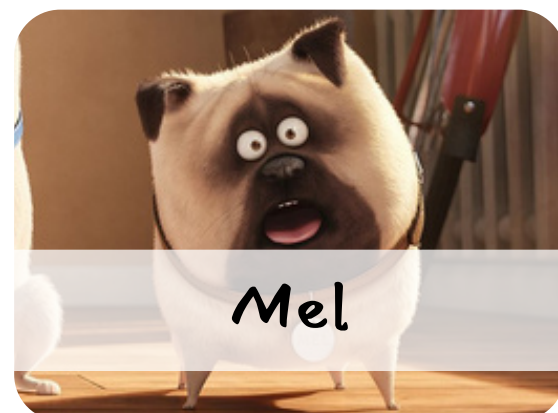
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Chloe



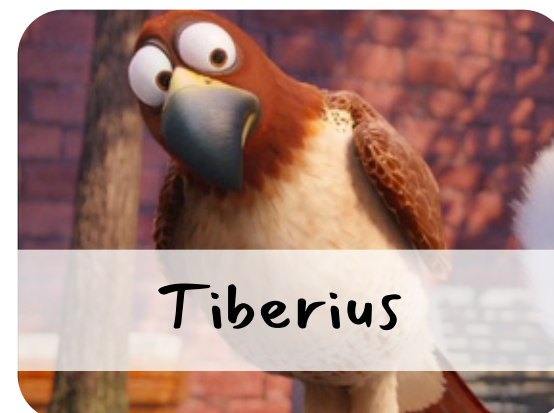
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Sweet Pea



Tiberius

If you were a character in the cartoon, which animal would you be? Why?

3

Look at the characters below. Discuss the questions.



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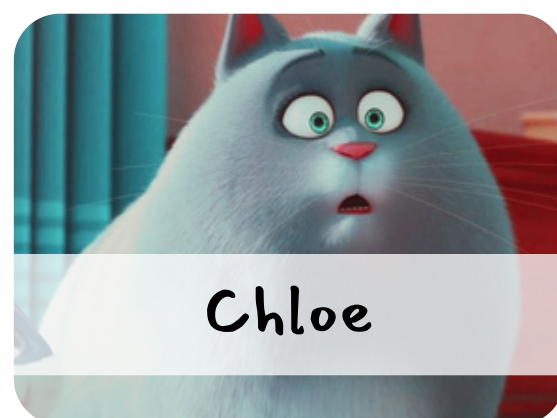
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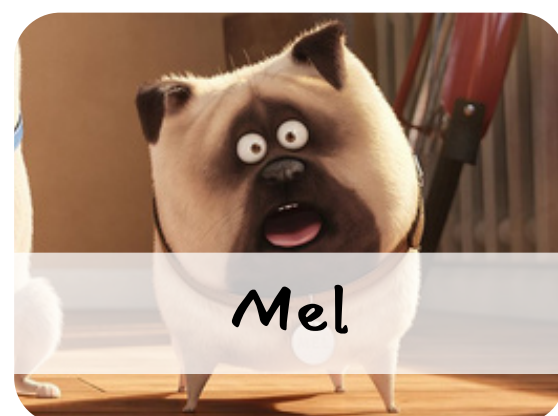
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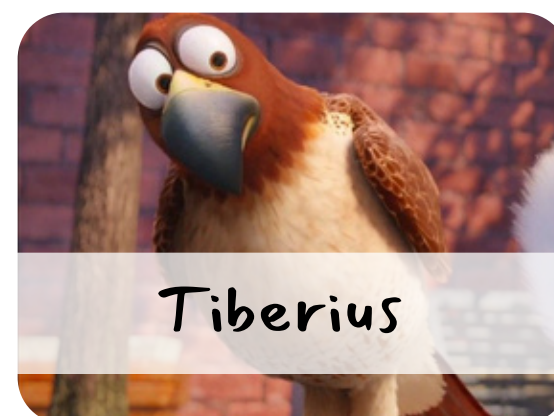
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Tiberius

Which character is a
good friend? Why?

4

Match the descriptions with the characters.

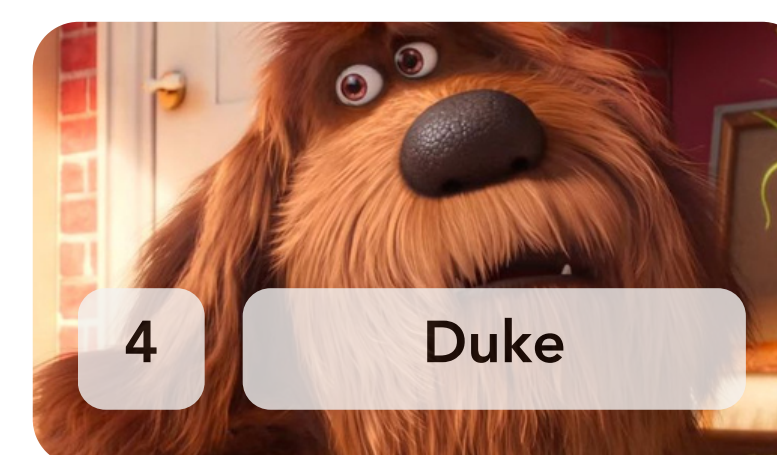
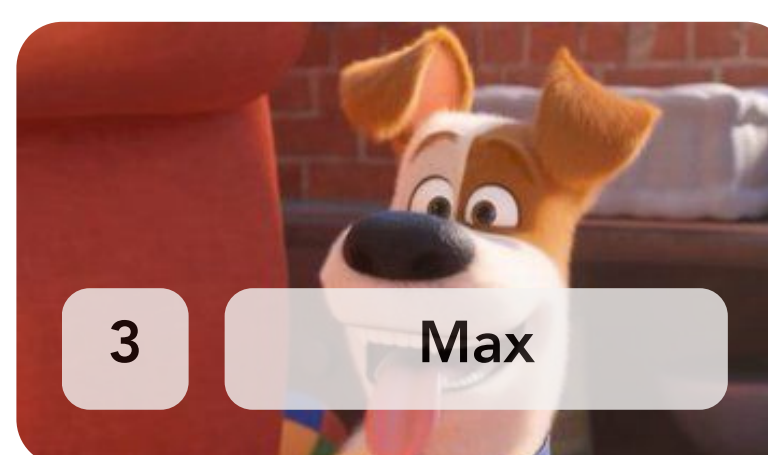
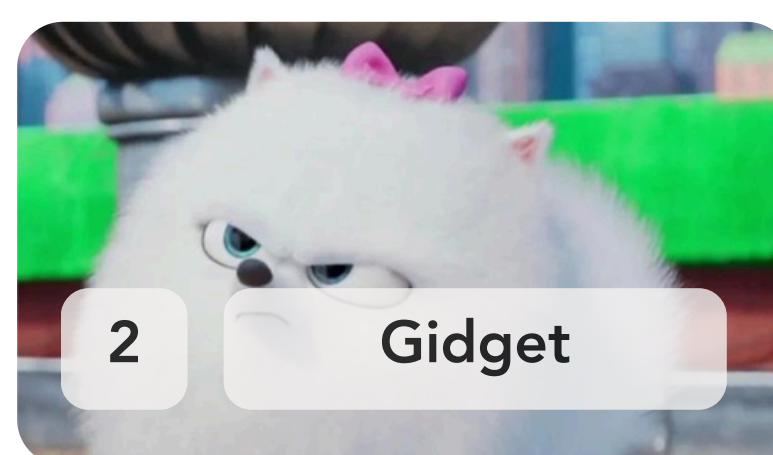
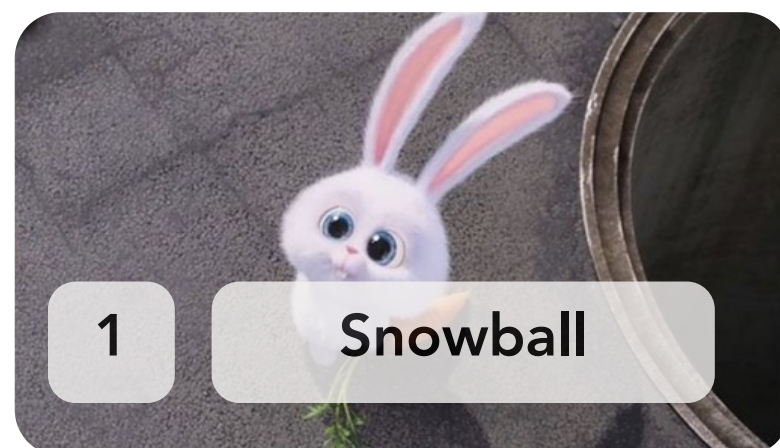


A _____ is a small white and brown dog. He lives with Katie and loves her very much. He is **friendlier** than Duke at the beginning of the story. He likes his home and enjoys spending time with Katie.

B _____ is a big brown dog. He is **bigger** than Max and **stronger** too. At first, he is not very polite, but he is kind inside. He loves food and adventures. He is **the biggest** pet in the main group.

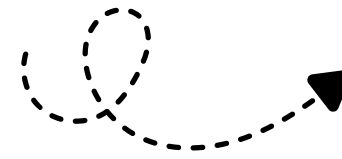
C _____ is a small fluffy white dog. She is **braver** than many other pets. She always wants to help her friends. She never gives up when something is difficult. She is **the bravest** character in the movie.

D _____ is a white rabbit with big ears. He is **crazier** than the other pets and has many wild ideas. He likes adventures and being a leader. Many people think he is **the funniest** character in the movie.





5 Open the link and play!



Link



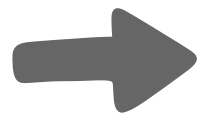
6a Read the rules and complete the gaps with the correct words from exercise 4.



We use **comparatives** to compare two things or people.

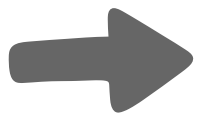
We often add **-er + than**.

friendly



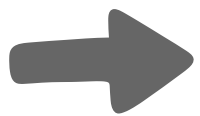
Max is friendlier **than** Duke.

big



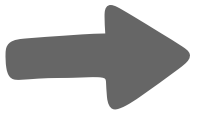
Duke is bigger **than** Max.

brave



Gidget is braver **than** many other pets.

crazy



Snowball is crazier **than** other pets.

HOW TO ADD -ER?

- Add -er to the end of the adjective.

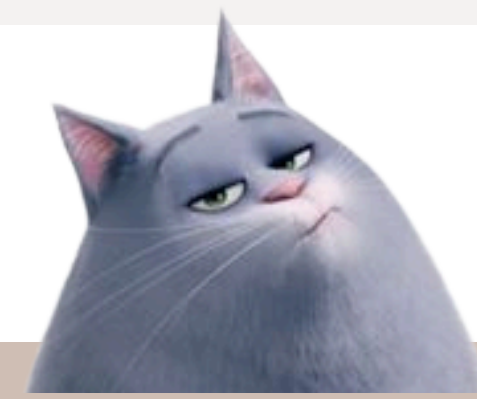
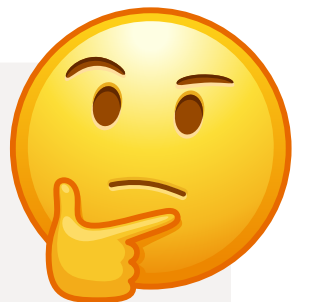
small → smaller

- Change y → i + er

friendly → friendlier

- If the word is short (1 syllable) and has a short vowel, we double the last letter and add -er.

big → bigger



6b Open the link and make sentences.



Link

6c Look at the characters again and compare them using the clues below.

Sweet Pea is smaller than Mel.

- Duke / **big** / Max

Duke is bigger than Max.

- Snowball / **angry** / Max

Snowball is angrier than Max.

- Chloe / **fat** / Buddy

Chloe is fatter than Buddy.

- Snowball / **funny** / Chloe

Snowball is funnier than Chloe.

- Chloe / **lazy** / Gidget

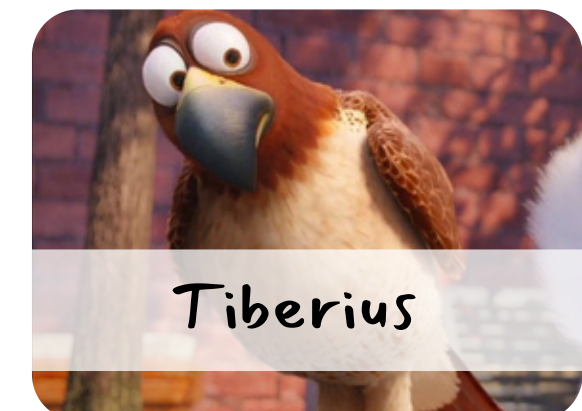
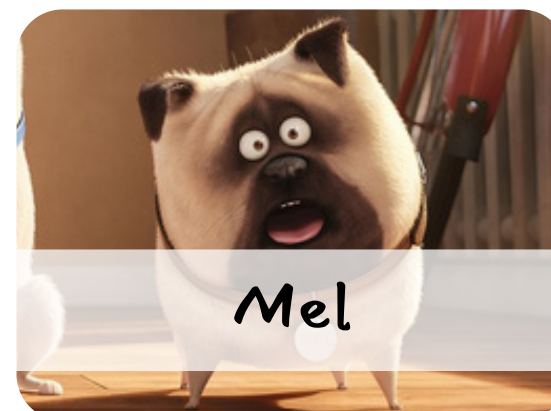
Chloe is lazier than Gidget.

- Mel / **silly** / Duke

Mel is sillier than Duke.

- Duke / **strong** / Max

Duke is stronger than Max.



7a Read the rules and do the task below.



A **superlative** is a word we use to compare 3 or more things and show which one is the most or the least.

I'm the **biggest** animal here!



HOW TO ADD -EST?

- We add **-est** to short adjectives.

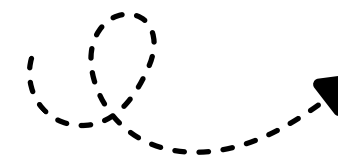
big → the **biggest**

- Change **y** → **i + est**

funny**y** → the fun**ni**est

Open the link and play!

 **Link**





7b

Look at the animals again and describe them as in the example below.
Say if the sentences are true or false.



Duke



Max



Snowball



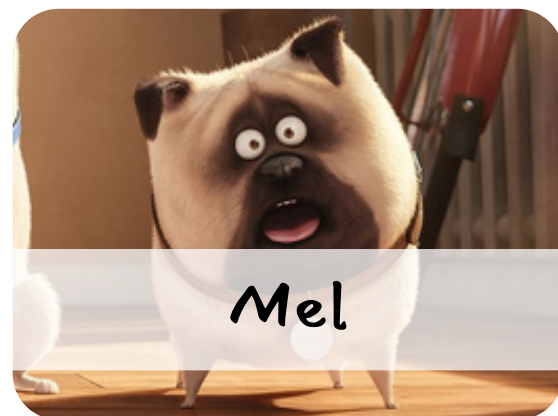
Gidget



Chloe



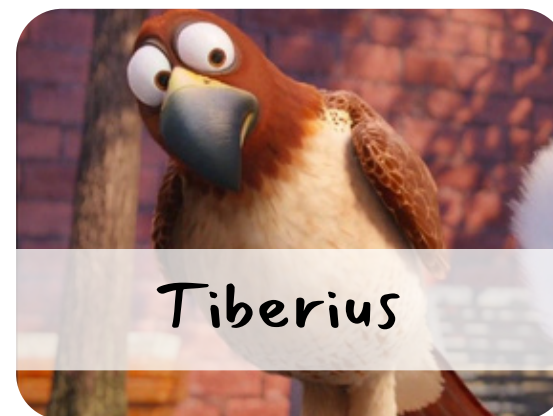
Buddy



Mel



Sweet Pea



Tiberius

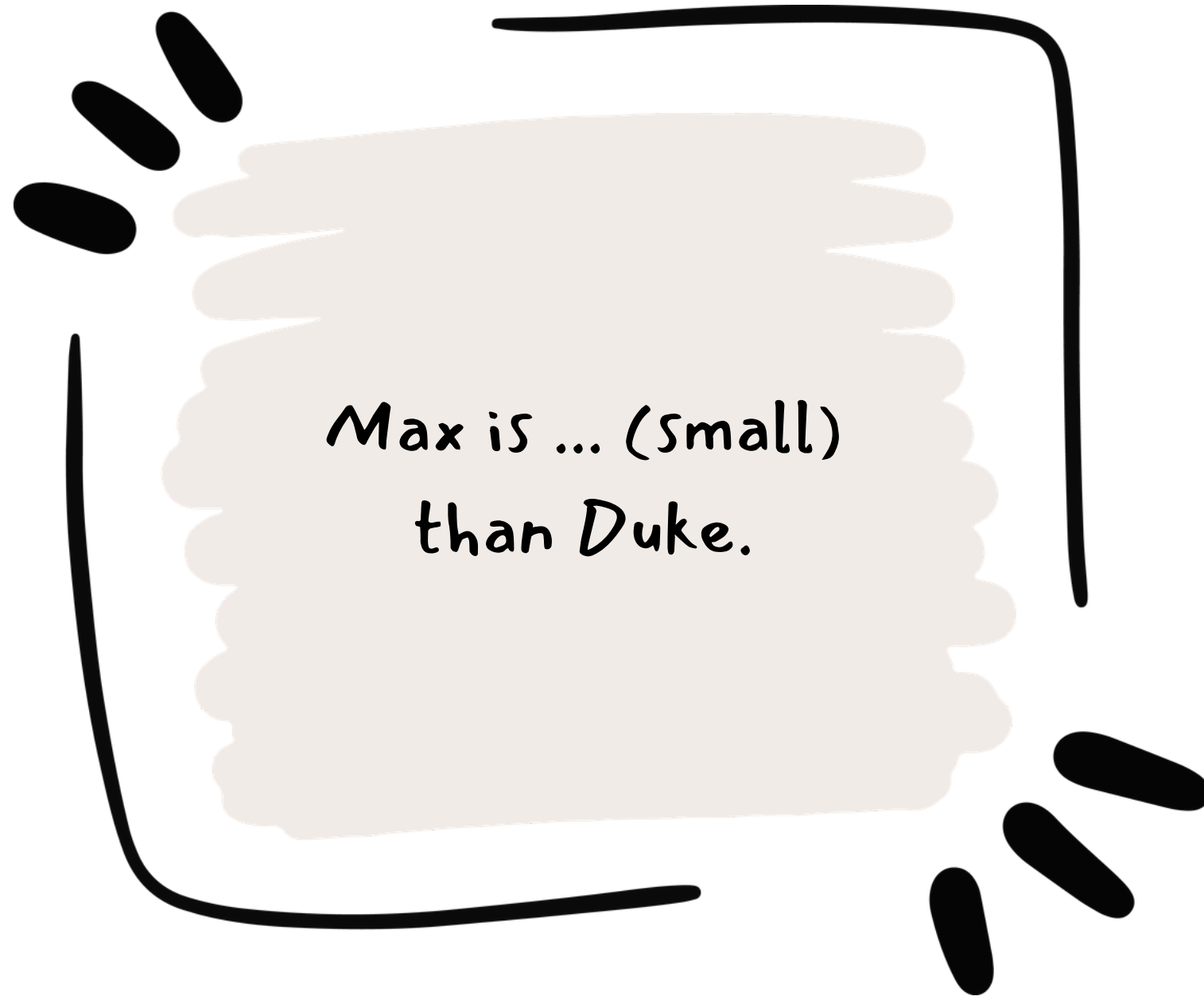
1) Duke / small / pet

2) Duke is the smallest pet

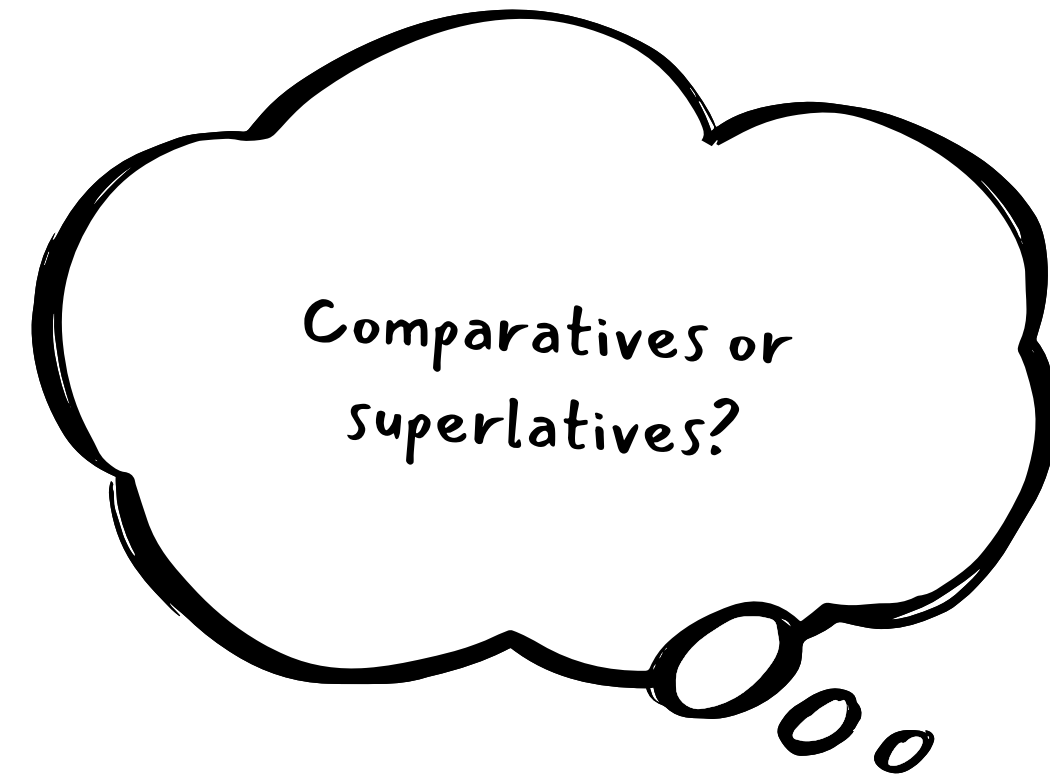
3) It's false! Duke is the biggest pet!

- Duke is the **weakest** pet.
- Snowball is the **funniest** pet.
- Gidget is the **bravest** dog.
- Chloe is the **laziest** cat.
- Buddy is the **angriest** dog.
- Mel is the **smartest** dog.
- Tiberius is the **angriest** animal.

8 Complete the gaps with the correct forms of the words and get points from Max!



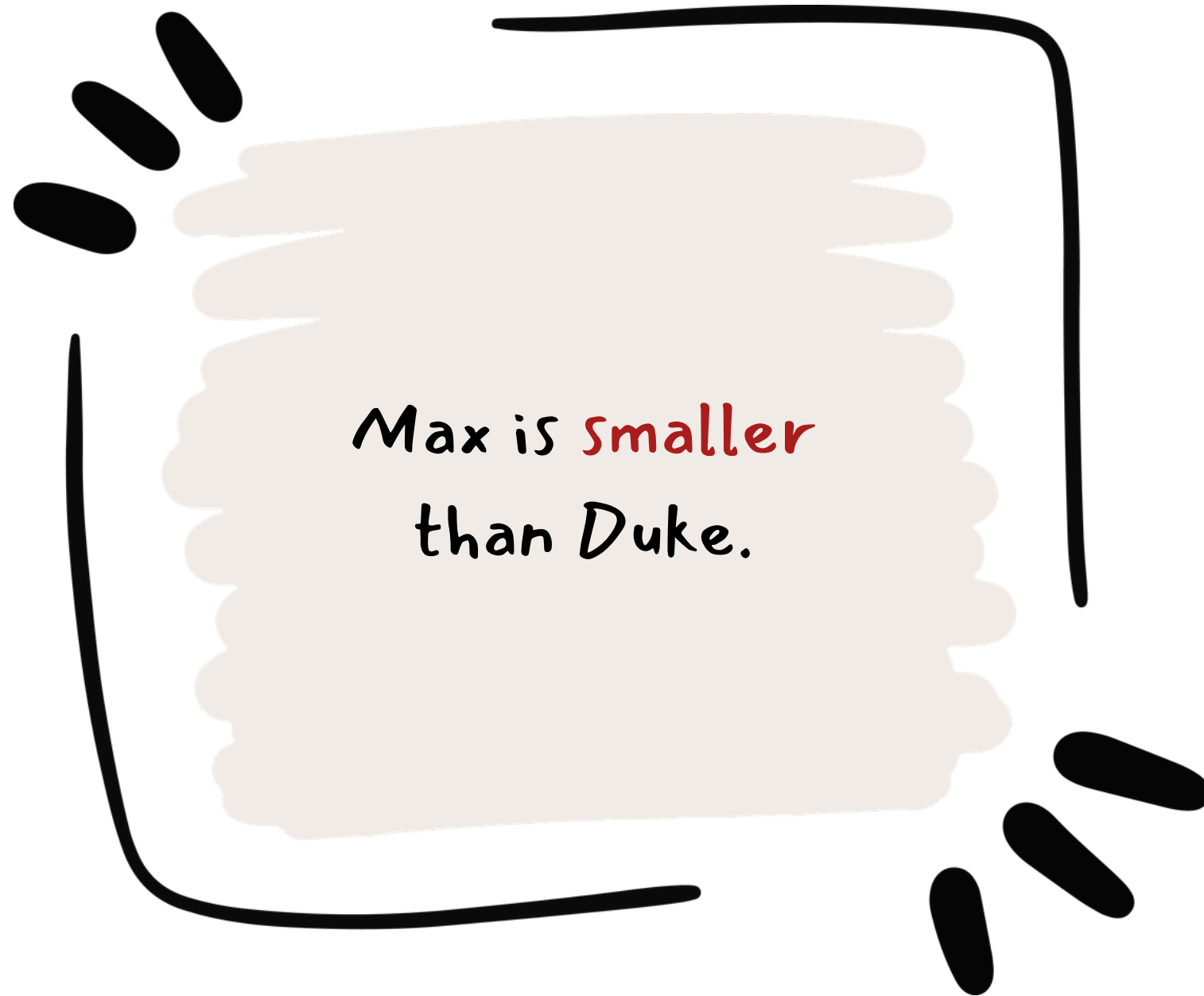
Max is ... (small)
than Duke.



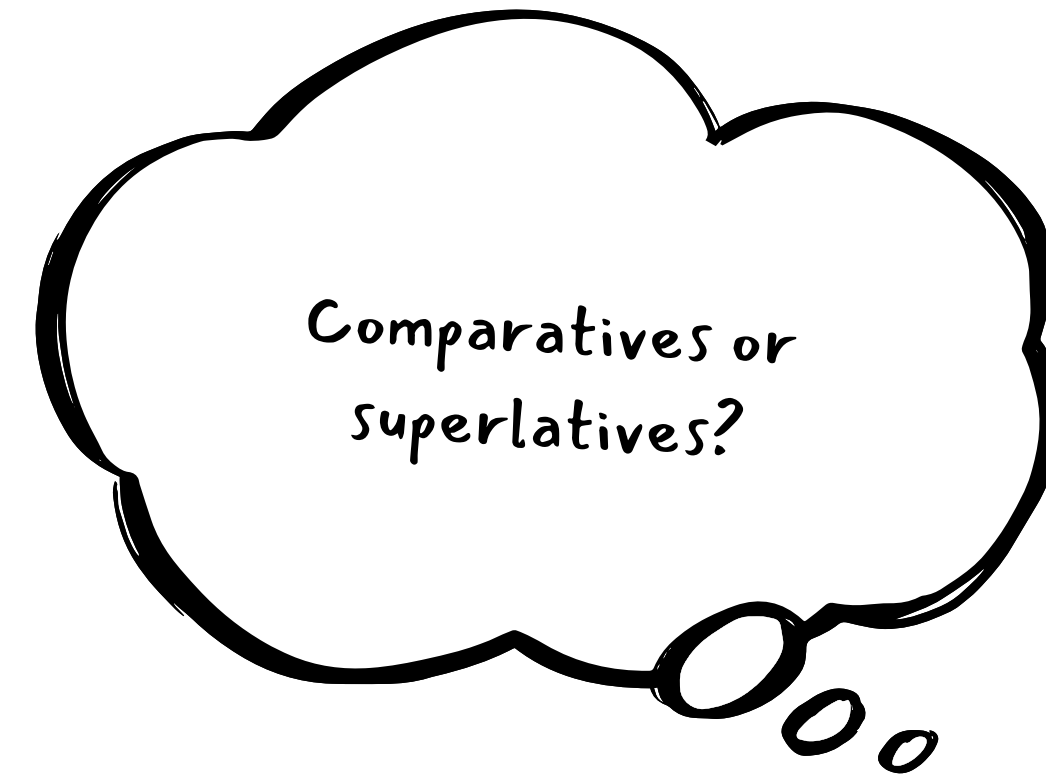
Comparatives or
superlatives?



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Gidget is the ...
(brave) small dog.

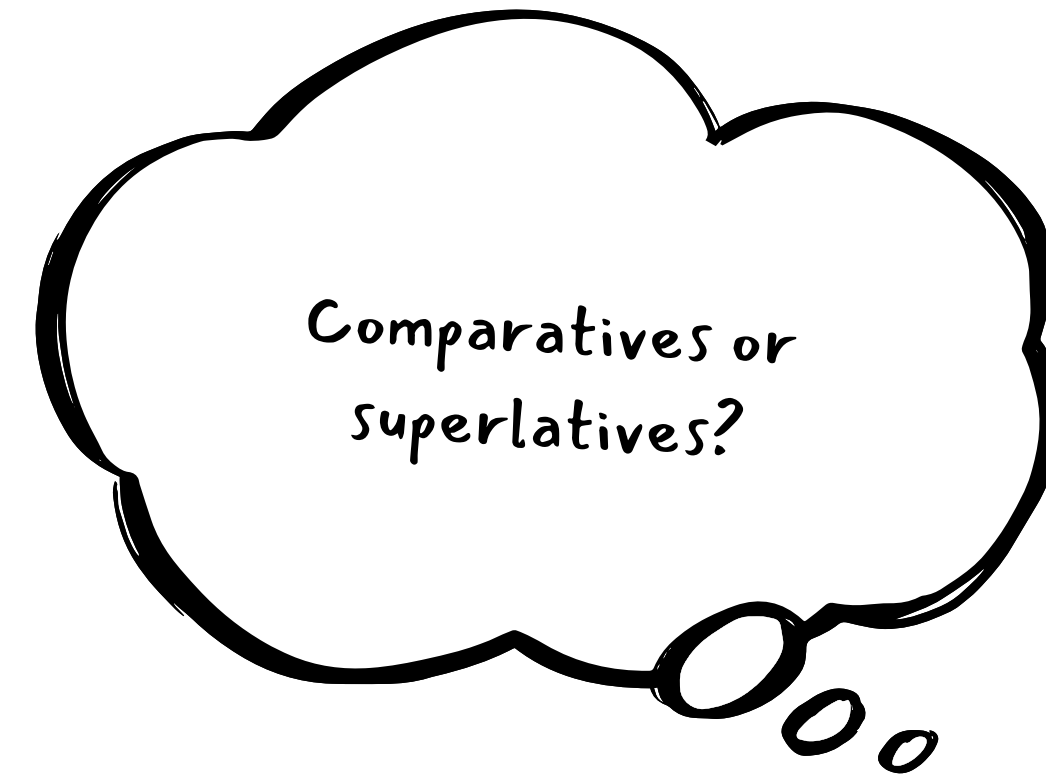
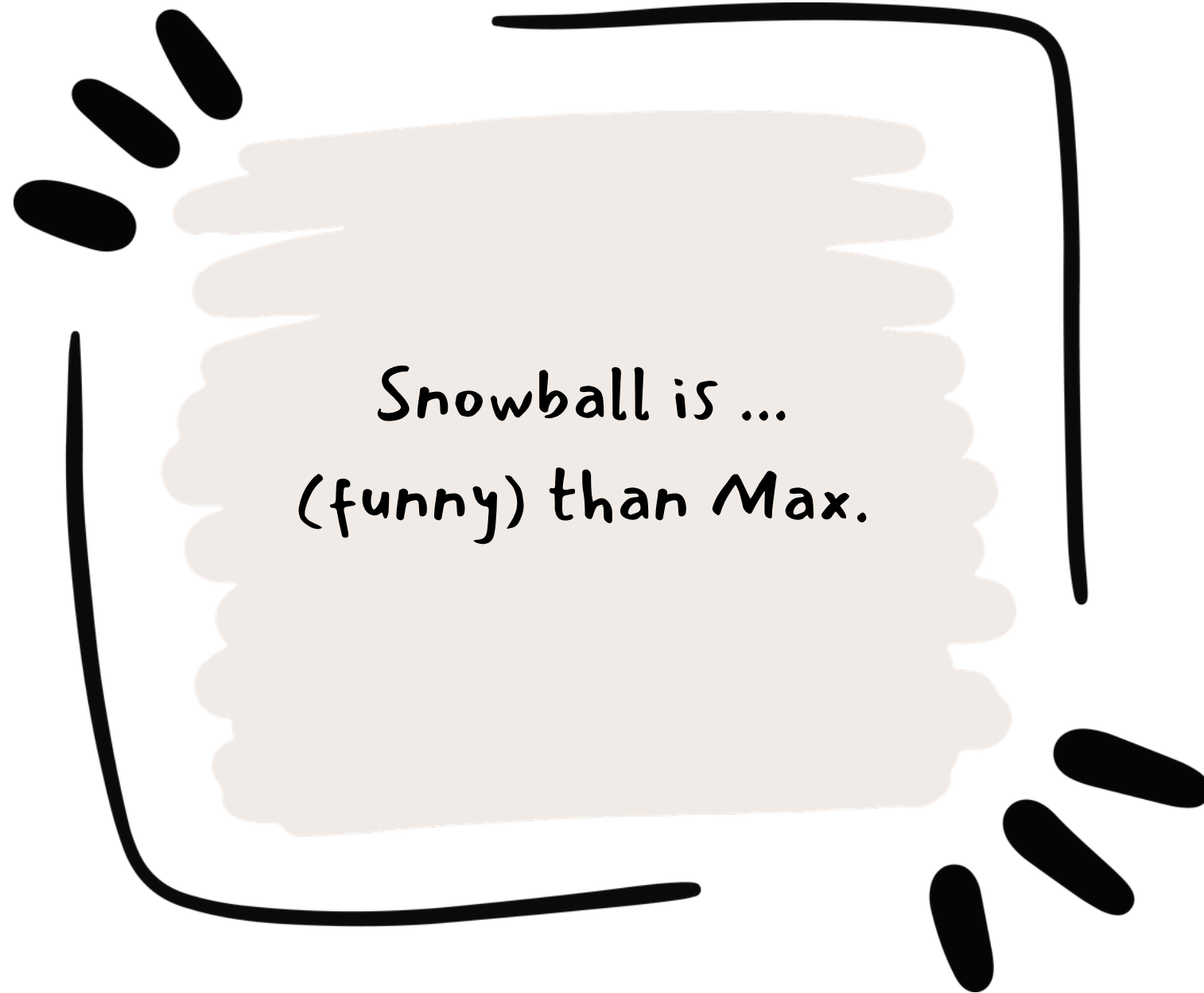
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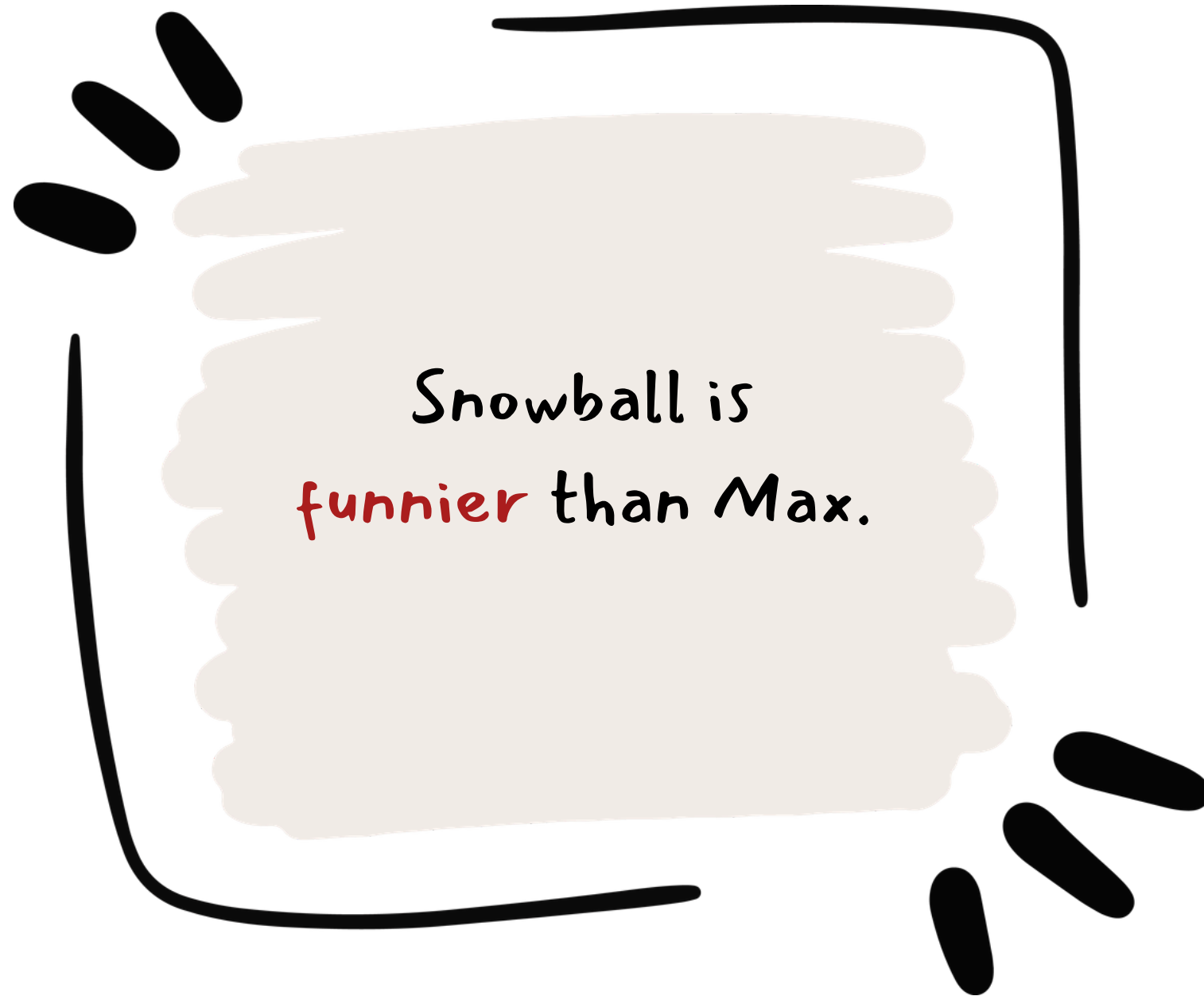
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Chloe is ... (lazy)
than Gidget.

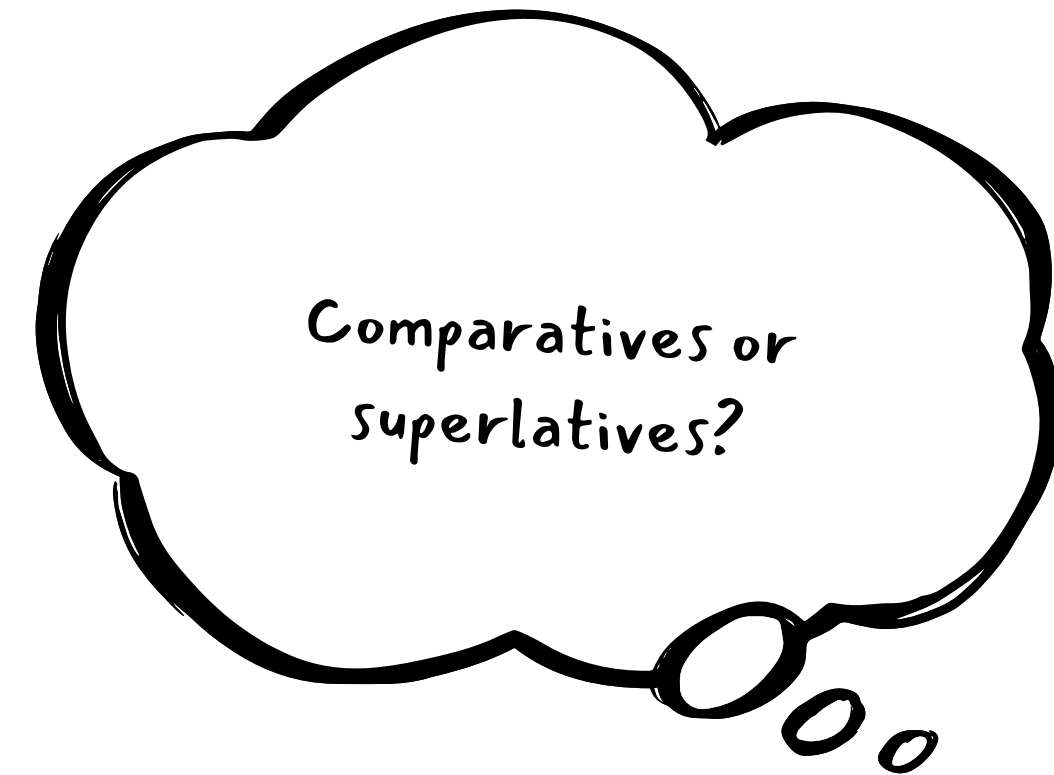
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Duke is the ...
(strong) dog in
the cartoon.

Comparatives or
superlatives?



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9

Read the rules below. Complete the questions with the correct forms of the adjectives below and answer the questions.

USE "MORE"



- with long adjectives (2 or more syllables).
- more beautiful than
- more dangerous than
- more interesting than
- more careful than
- when we compare two things.

A lion is more dangerous than a cat.

USE "THE MOST"



- with long adjectives (2 or more syllables).
- the most interesting
- the most beautiful
- the most dangerous
- when we talk about the #1 in a group (3 or more things).

A lion is the most dangerous animal.

Who is **more energetic**, Snowball or Chloe?

Who is **the most interesting** character in the cartoon?

Who is **more relaxed**, Chloe or Max?

Who is **the most helpful** character?

Who is **more beautiful**, Gidget or Chloe?



10 Open the link and play!



 Link

11 You have 155 points from exercise 8! Unlock 3 characters below and write sentences about them using comparative and superlative adjectives.



100
POINTS



55
POINTS



50
POINTS



40
POINTS



50
POINTS



20
POINTS



25
POINTS



25
POINTS

small

strong

big

funny

beautiful

helpful

dangerous

lazy

friendly

angry

brave

tall

energetic

old

interesting

fast



1. Duke is (more big / **bigger**) than Max.
2. Snowball is (the most funny / **the funniest**) character.
3. The city is (**more dangerous** / dangerouser) than the farm.
4. Gidget is (**more helpful** / helpfuller) than other pets.
5. Max is (the most kind / **the kindest**) dog.
6. Chloe is (more lazy / **lazier**) than Gidget.
7. Snowball is (**the most dangerous** / more dangerous) character.
8. The adventure is (**more exciting** / most exciting) than normal life.

2 Complete with the correct form of the adjective.

1. Max is **friendlier** (friendly) than Duke.
2. Duke is **bigger** (big) than Max.
3. Snowball is the **most dangerous** (dangerous) character in the cartoon.
4. Gidget is **more helpful** (helpful) than Chloe.
5. Chloe is **the laziest** (lazy) cat in the apartment.
6. The city is **more exciting** (exciting) than the countryside.
7. Max feels **more worried** (worried) than before.
8. The rescue mission is **the most important** (important) part of the story.



extra practice

3 Find and correct the mistakes.

Max is a **friendlier friendlier** dog than Duke. He lives in a big city, but the countryside is the **most more exciting** than the city. One day, Duke arrives and becomes **the most bigger the biggest** dog in the apartment. Chloe is **more lazyer the laziest** cat in the building, but Gidget is the most helpful pet. Snowball is more dangerous character in the cartoon, but he is also **funnyer funnier** than other animals. Life in the city becomes **excitinger more exciting** after the adventure. Max thinks Duke is the **most strong the strongest** dog, but later he becomes happier than before.



4 Complete with "more" or "most"

- Max thinks the city is **more** interesting than the countryside.
- Gidget is **more** helpful than the other pets in the apartment.
- Snowball is the **most** dangerous character in the cartoon.
- Chloe is the **most** comfortable cat in the building.
- The adventure in the city is **more** exciting than their normal life.
- Max feels **more** worried than before when he gets lost.
- For many pets, friendship is the **most** important thing in the story.





Adjective

Comparative

Superlative

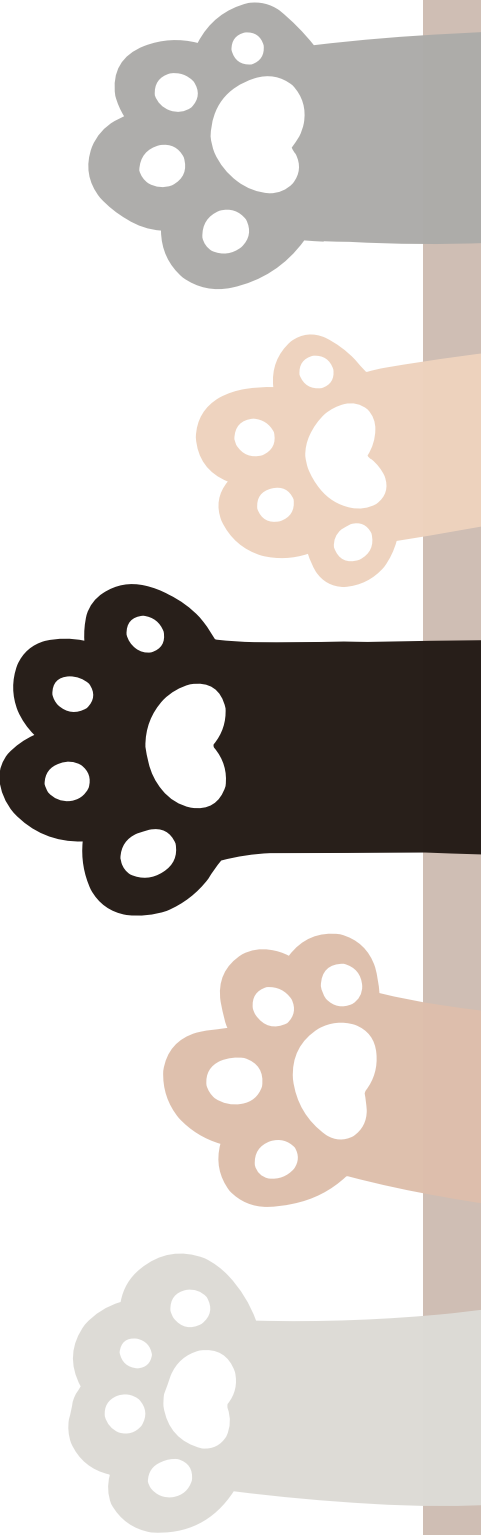
lazy

dangerous

big

beautiful

funny



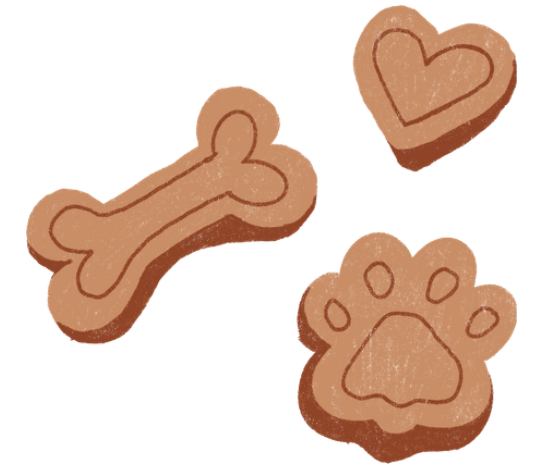
extra practice

4 Complete the text with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjectives.



Last Saturday, my friends and I watched a funny animal talent show. Many animals came to show their special skills. The parrot was **more talkative (talkative)** than the other birds. It could say many words and make people laugh. The dog was **friendlier (friendly)** than the other animals and played with everyone. The rabbit was **smaller (small)** than the dog, but it was **faster (fast)** and could jump very high. The monkey was the **funniest (funny)** animal in the show because it danced and did silly tricks. The elephant was the **biggest (big)** animal there, and it was also **stronger (strong)** than the others. However, the turtle was the **slowest (slow)** animal, but everyone loved it because it was very cute.

In the end, the judges said that it was the **most amazing (amazing)** animal show they ever watched. Every animal was special in its own way.



5 Compare the animals below using the clues.



big



dangerous

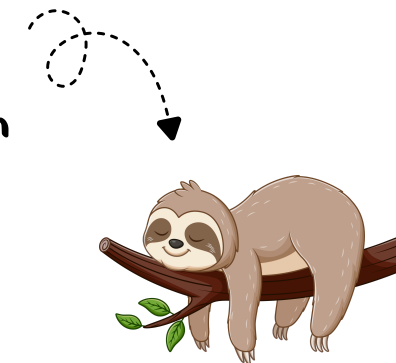


friendly



tall

sloth



energetic



fast