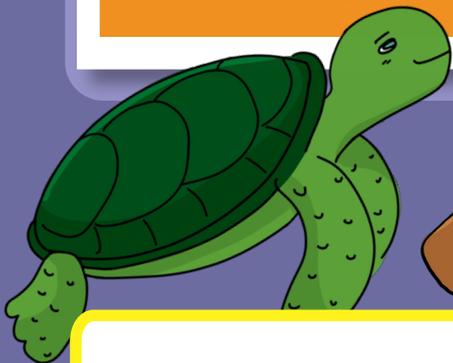
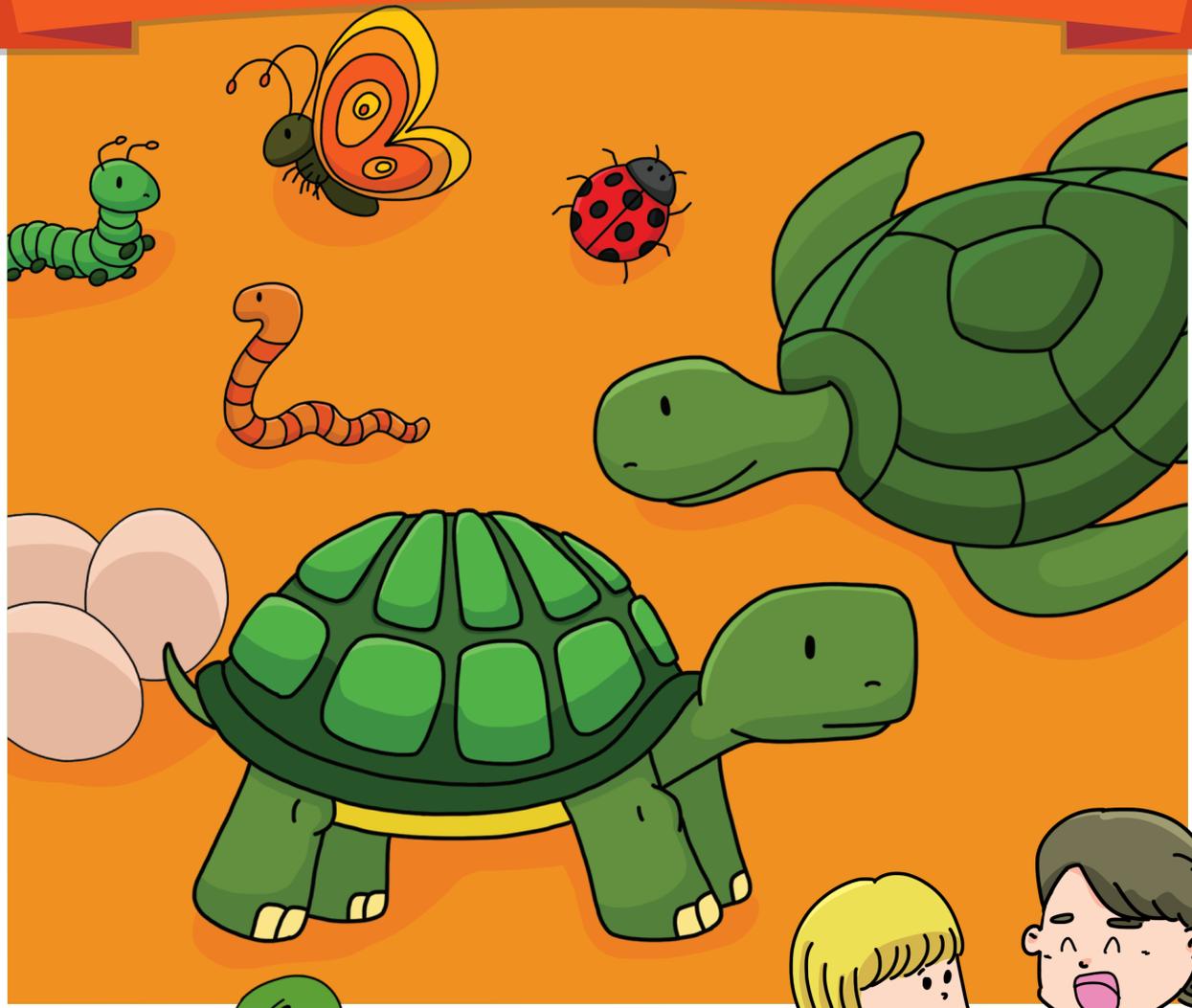


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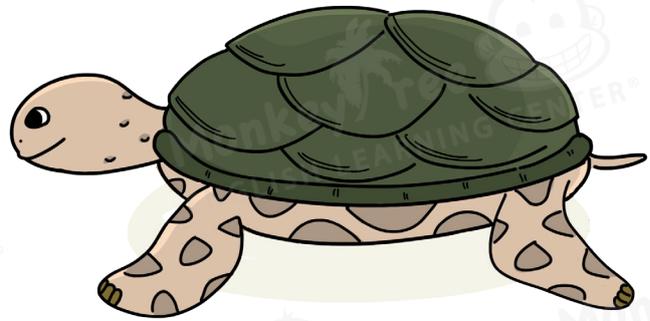
## Part A. Let's Read

Look at the picture and title. What do you think the story is about? Then, read the story.

### Turtles or Tortoises?

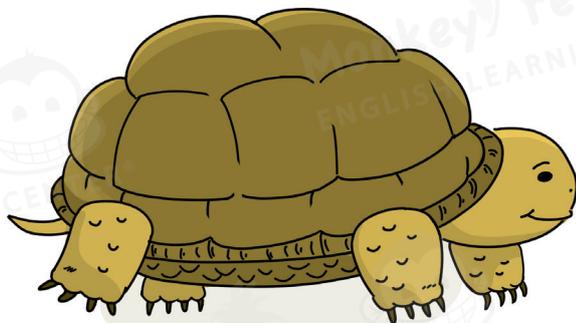
Turtles and tortoises both have shells and four legs. They look very similar, but are in fact very different.

Both turtles and tortoises have a hard shell that protects them. A turtle's shell is flatter than a tortoise's shell. Tortoises have a rounder shell. Their shells are also heavier than turtle shells.



Turtles are great swimmers. They live in water and only come onto land to lay their eggs. Tortoises cannot swim. They live on land.

Turtles have webbed feet that help them swim in water, but tortoises' feet are round. This helps them to walk and climb.



Turtles eat plants, fish, and insects. Tortoises eat mostly plants. Sometimes they will eat insects or worms.

Tortoises live longer than turtles. A tortoise can live for 100 years while a turtle can live for 40 years.

## Part B. My New Words

Write your new words. Find out what each one means and draw a picture.

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Word: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I can draw it!

2

Word: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I can draw it!

3

Word: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I can draw it!

★ Practice spelling these words at home!

## Part C. Let's Talk

What is a  
turtle like?

What is a  
tortoise like?

What is the  
difference  
between a turtle  
and a tortoise?

How is a  
turtle's shell  
different from  
a tortoise's  
shell?

## Part D. Let's Learn

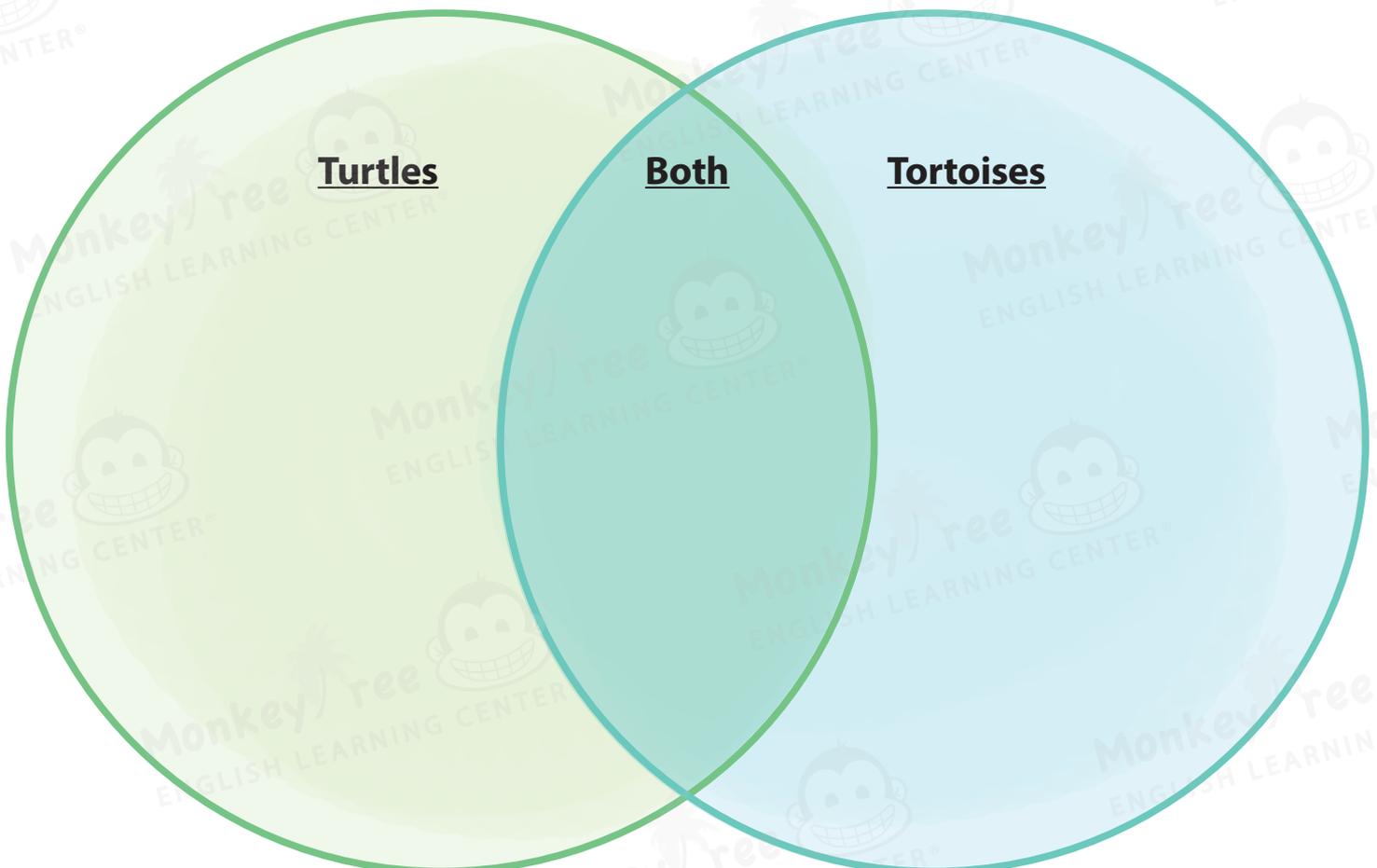
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## Part E. Let's Analyze

Refer to the reading, *Turtles or Tortoises?* Use it to complete the Venn diagram below.

### Turtles or Tortoises?



## Part F. Challenge Yourself!

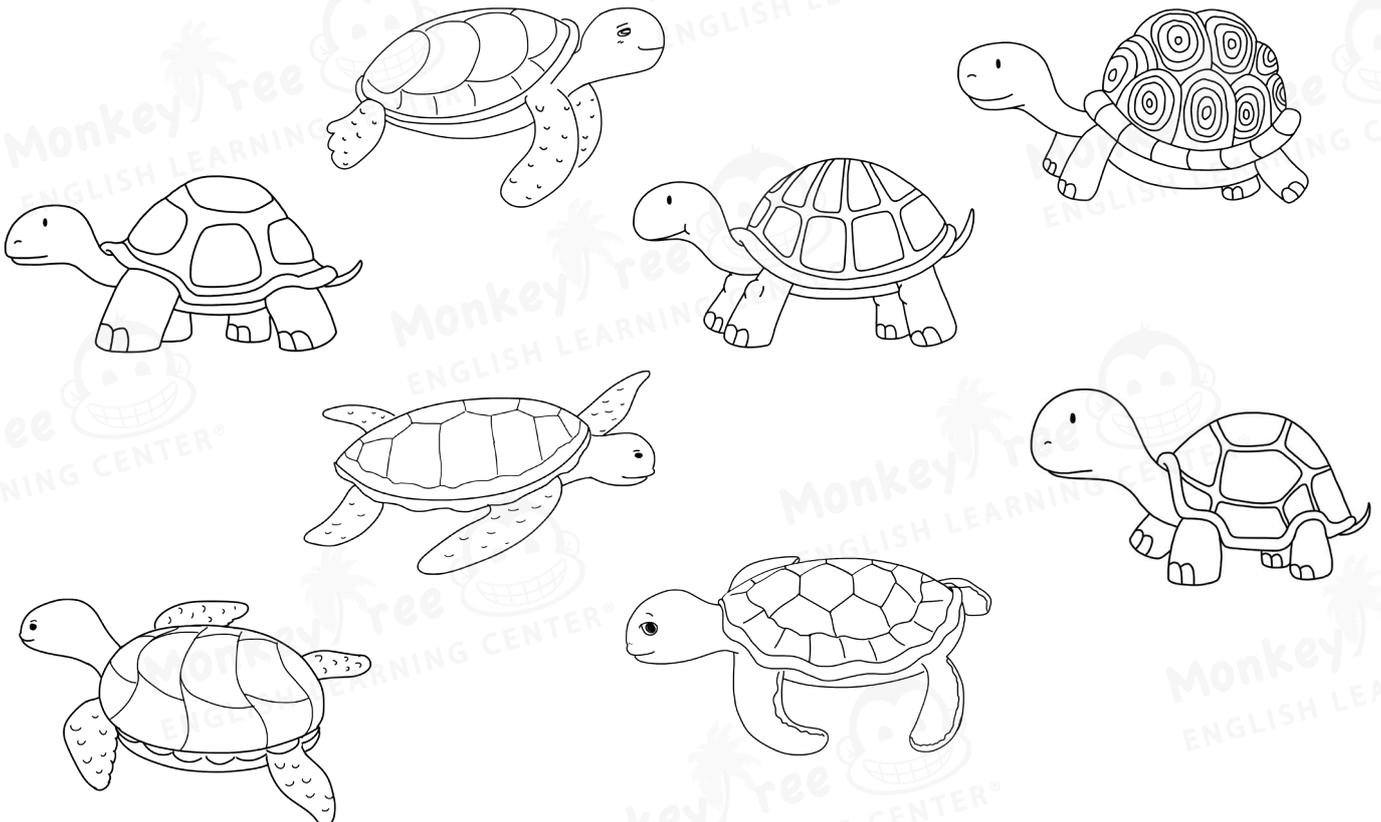
Using the information from the reading and your Venn diagram, draw a picture of a turtle and tortoise to show the differences.

**Turtle**

**Tortoise**

## Part G. Fun Activity

Color the turtles green and color the tortoises blue.



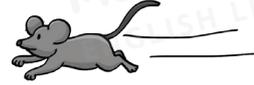
## SECTION 2

### Part A. Let's Learn

## Comparative Adjectives

★ \_\_\_\_\_ are describing words.

Example: The mouse is **small**.



★ A \_\_\_\_\_ **adjective** compares two nouns.

★ To make an **adjective** into a **comparative adjective**, we usually add 'er'.

Example: small ➤ \_\_\_\_\_

★ If the **adjective** ends in a consonant and 'y', we change the 'y' to 'i' and add 'er'.

Example: heavy ➤ \_\_\_\_\_

★ If the **adjective** has three or more syllables, we add the word 'more' in front of it.

Example: beautiful ➤ \_\_\_\_\_

★ Some **adjectives** change when we make them into **comparative adjectives**.

Examples: good ➤ \_\_\_\_\_

bad ➤ \_\_\_\_\_

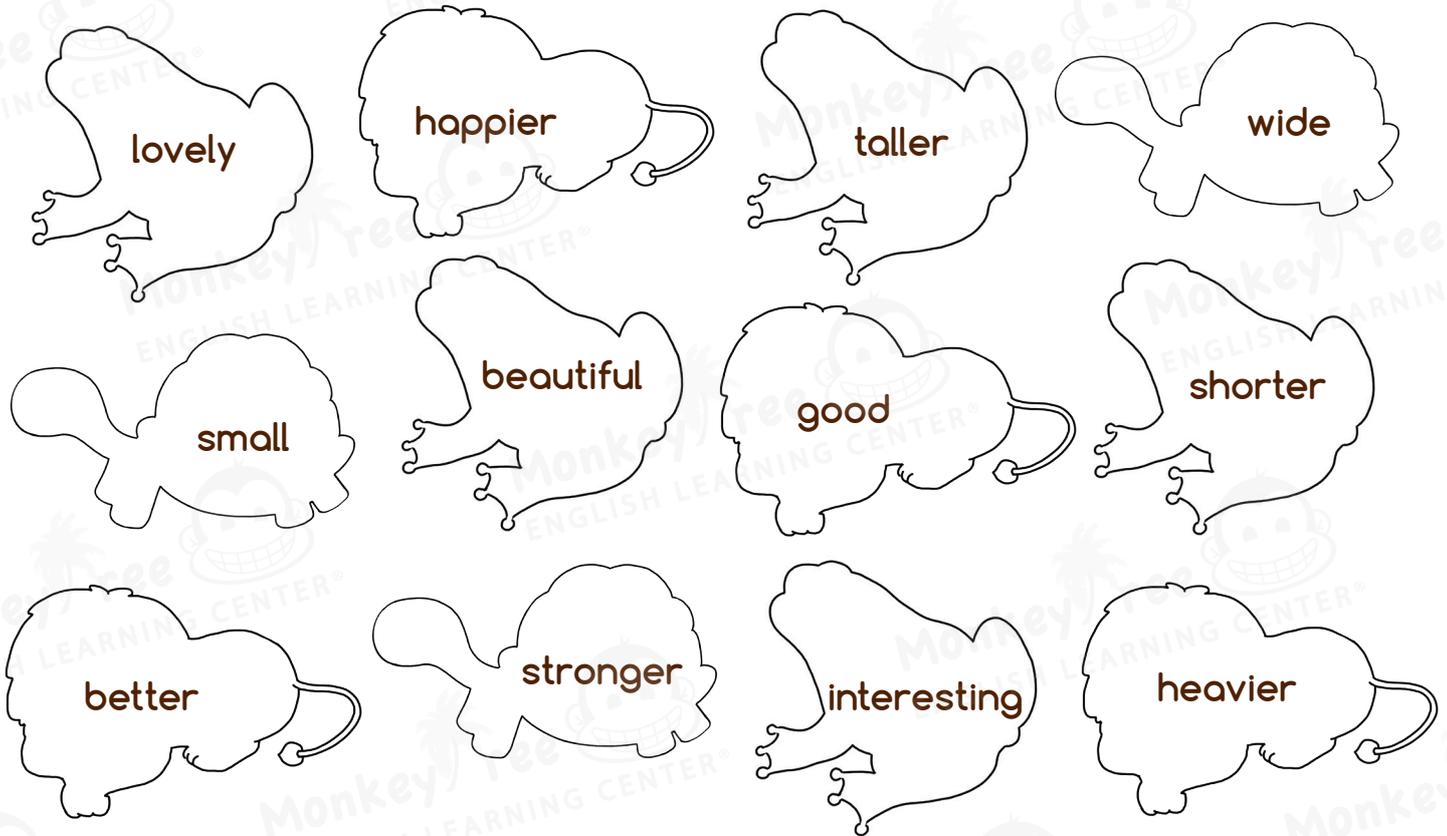
★ We use the word 'than' in a comparative sentence.

Subject + **verb 'to be'** + **comparative adjective** + **than** + object

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part B. Color

Color the shapes with comparative adjectives blue.



## Part C. Look and Write

Write the comparative form of the following adjectives.

1. great



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2. dry



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3. handsome



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4. bad



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5. fast



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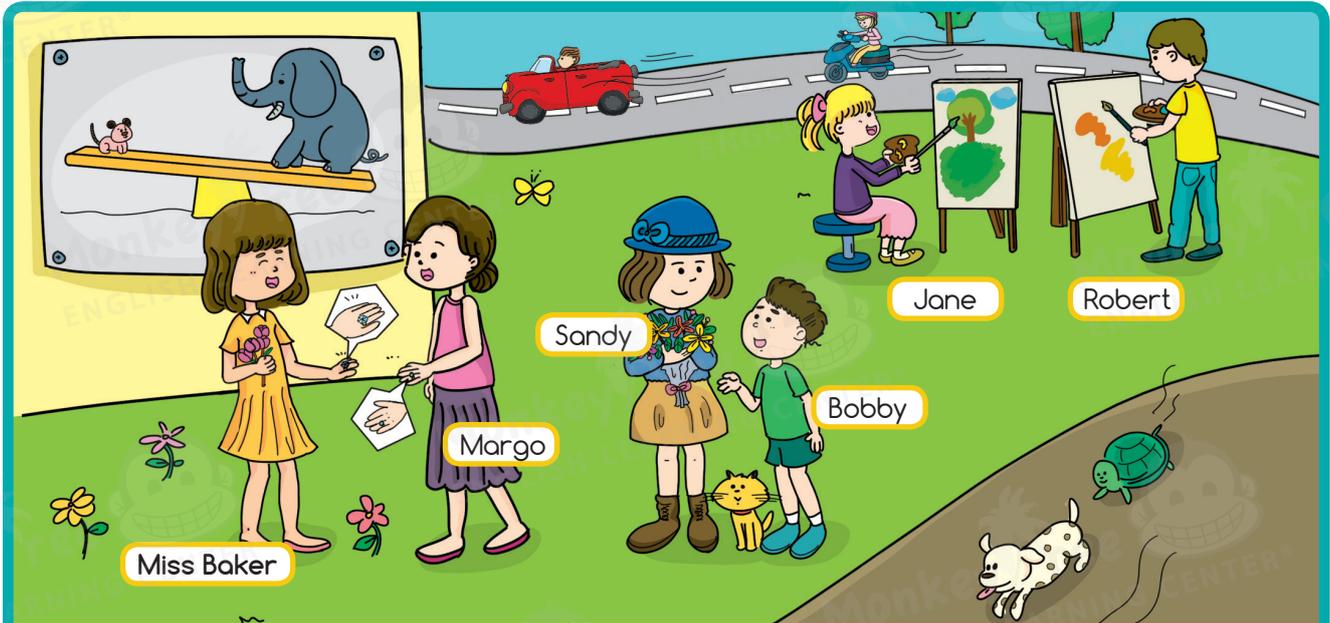
6. shiny



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## Part D. Fill in the Blanks

Look at the picture and complete the sentences below by writing the appropriate comparative adjectives in the blanks.



**good   colorful   fast   slow   tall   heavy   shiny   small**

1. Sandy is \_\_\_\_\_ than Bobby.
2. Bikes are \_\_\_\_\_ than cars.
3. The cat is \_\_\_\_\_ than Bobby.
4. Miss Baker's ring is \_\_\_\_\_ than Margo's.
5. Jane's picture is \_\_\_\_\_ than Robert's.
6. The dog is \_\_\_\_\_ than the turtle.
7. The elephant is \_\_\_\_\_ than the mouse.
8. Sandy's flowers are \_\_\_\_\_ than Miss Baker's.

## Part E. Complete the Sentences

Read each sentence and complete it by filling in the missing words.

1. Andy is \_\_\_\_\_ John.  
(short)
2. My drawing is \_\_\_\_\_ yours.  
(good)
3. Cats are \_\_\_\_\_ snakes.  
(friendly)
4. Debbie is \_\_\_\_\_ Janet.  
(old)
5. Cakes are \_\_\_\_\_ cookies.  
(delicious)
6. Miss Anna is \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Bran.  
(popular)

## Part F. Sentences

Write a comparative sentence for each set of nouns.

1. candy ice cream

\_\_\_\_\_

2. giraffe lion

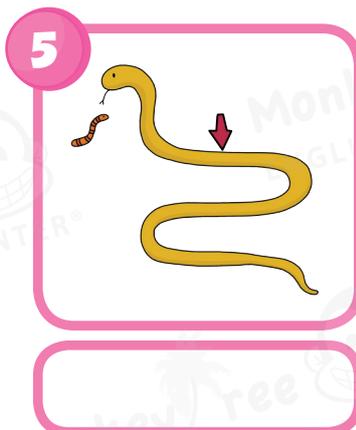
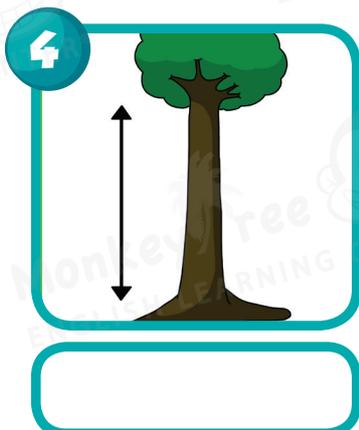
\_\_\_\_\_

3. apples watermelons

\_\_\_\_\_

## Part G. Fun Activity

Write a comparative adjective that matches each picture. Then, find the words in the word search below.



## SECTION 3

### Part A. Journal Time

#### If I Had a Wish

Dear Journal,

If I had one wish and I could wish for anything, I would wish for \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_

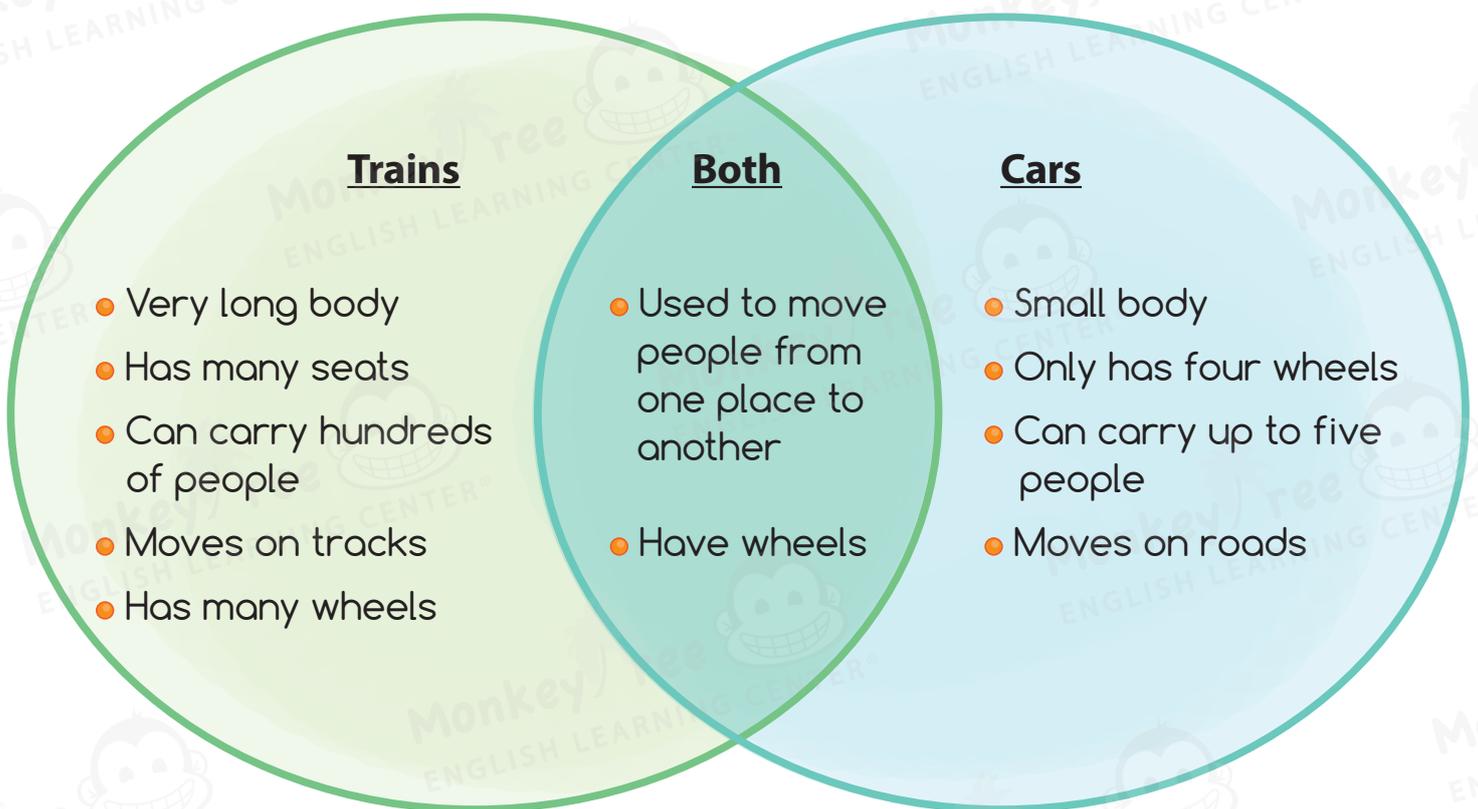
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## Part C. Let's Practice

Look at the following Venn diagram and write a comparing sentence and a contrasting sentence.

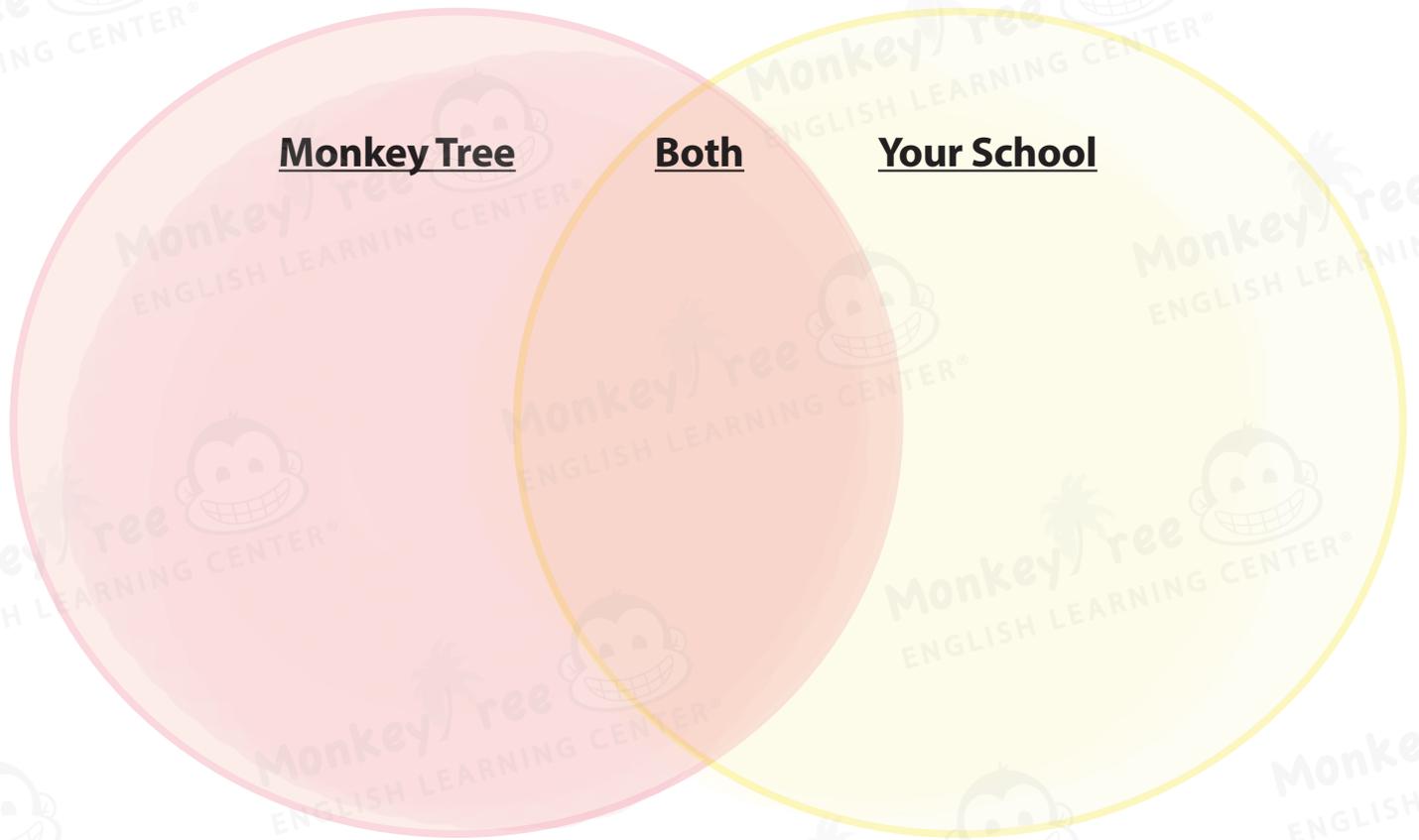


1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Part D. Let's Practice II

Compare and contrast your school and Monkey Tree. Use the Venn diagram below to help you write. Then, answer the questions below.



1. How are your school and Monkey Tree the same?

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2. How are your school and Monkey Tree different?

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## Part E. Grammar Review

### Do You Remember Comparative Adjectives?

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- ★ We use the word '**than**' in a **comparative** sentence.
- ★ **Structure:**

**subject + verb 'to be' + comparative adjective + than + object**

Example:

Lions are **stronger** than cows.

## Part F. Let's Practice

1. Write the comparative form of the following adjectives.

- a. pretty      ➤ \_\_\_\_\_
- b. smooth      ➤ \_\_\_\_\_
- c. colorful      ➤ \_\_\_\_\_
- d. bad      ➤ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Complete each sentence by writing an appropriate comparative adjective in the blank.

- a. Elephants are \_\_\_\_\_ than lions.
- b. I am \_\_\_\_\_ than my teacher.
- c. Apples are \_\_\_\_\_ than chocolate.
- d. Winter is \_\_\_\_\_ than spring.

## SECTION 4

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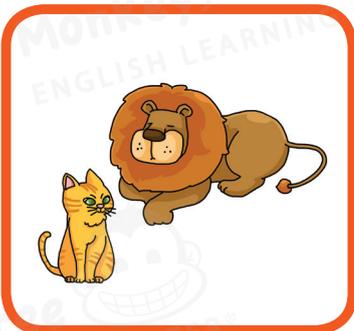
### Part B. Let's Practice

Write a comparative sentence for each of the following pictures.



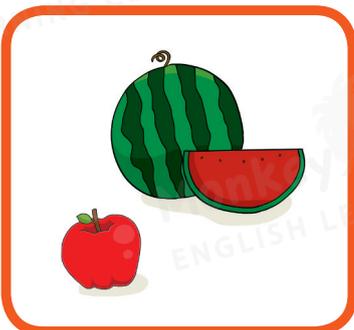
1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

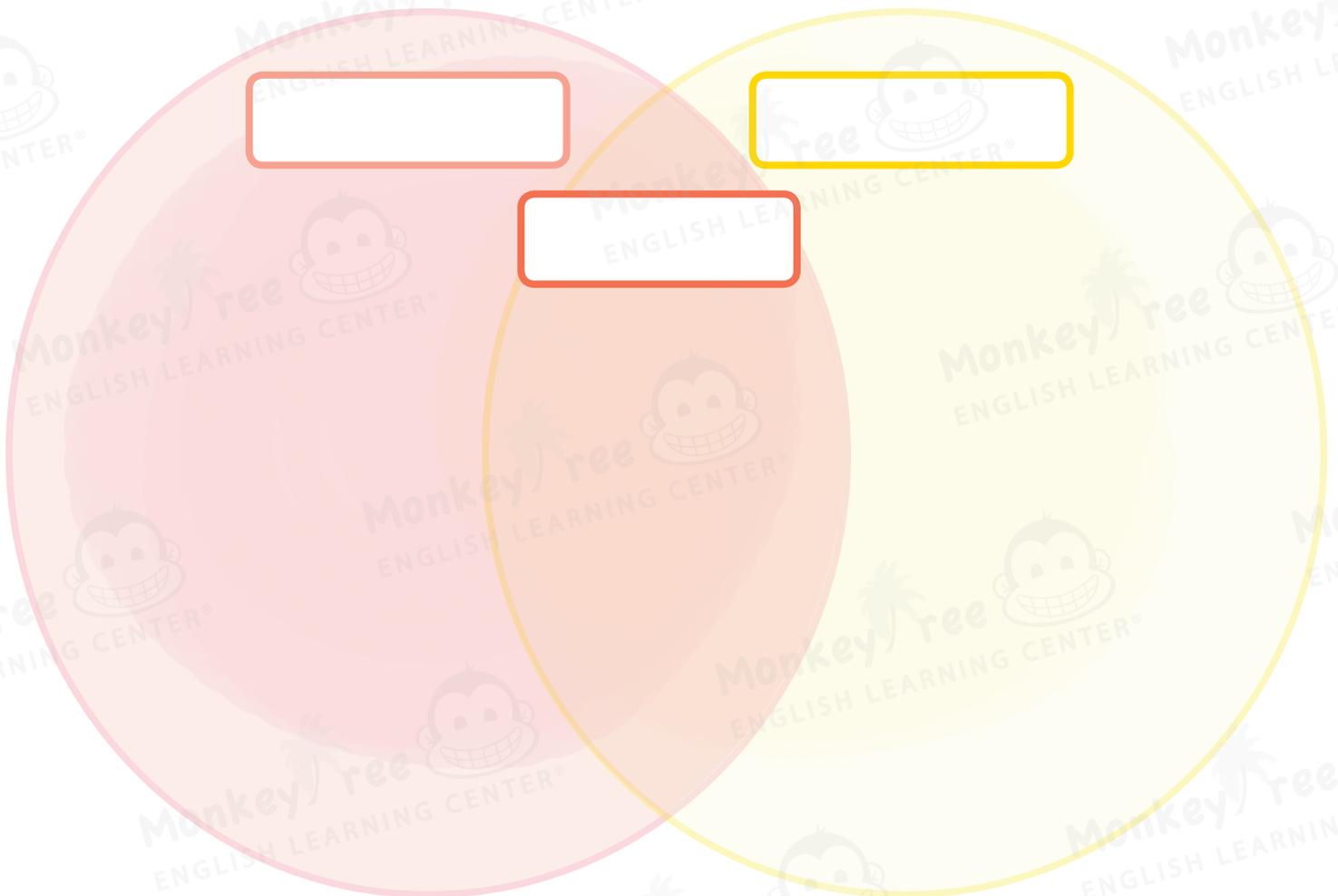
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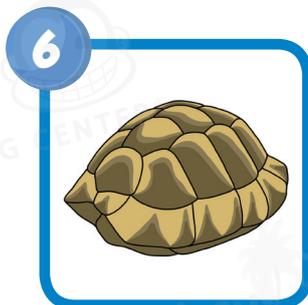
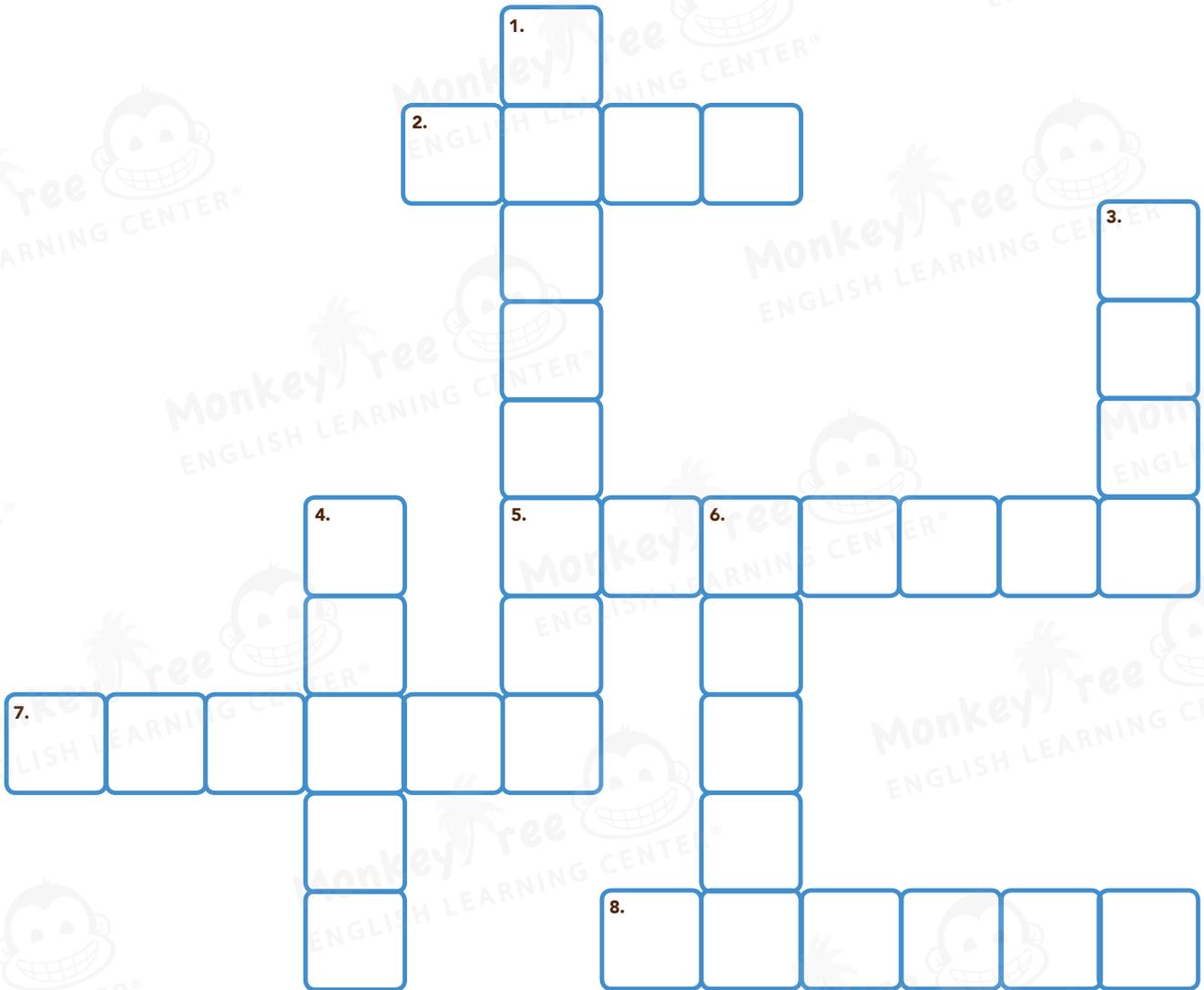
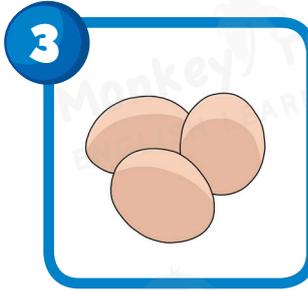
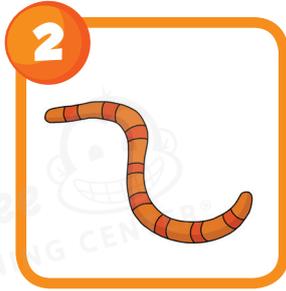
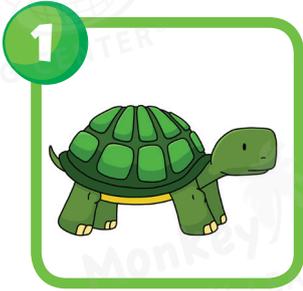
You will write a compare and contrast essay about two of your favorite animals. Use the Venn diagram below to help you plan!





# Part F. Challenge Yourself!

Use the picture clues to complete the crossword puzzle.



# Try This at Home!

## Part A. Vocabulary Check

Write a word that matches each of the following definitions.

<b>1</b> To keep someone or something from getting hurt		c _____
<b>2</b> To use your hands and feet to move up something		s _____
<b>3</b> Having some things that are alike, but different		p _____

## Part B. Look and Write

Write the comparative form of the following adjectives.

- 1. happy ➤ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. smart ➤ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. beautiful ➤ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. dirty ➤ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. good ➤ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. sweet ➤ \_\_\_\_\_

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LEVEL B UNIT 8

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