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Comparing 1

comparatives with *-er* and *more*

A What is the difference between these things? Write a sentence about each pair using an adjective from the box with *-er* or *more*.

intelligent (loud) dangerous precious big easy sweet



Example:

a shout and a whisper
A shout is louder than a whisper.

- 1 diamonds and pearls _____
- 2 a mountain and a hill _____
- 3 people and monkeys _____
- 4 phoning and writing a letter _____
- 5 chocolate and fruit _____
- 6 a lion and a cat _____



B What do the verbs in *italics* mean? Complete each sentence using an adjective from the box with *-er* or *more*.

good/bad expensive/cheap hot/cold (senior)/junior big/small

Example:

promote: If someone is promoted, they become more senior.

1 *demote*: If someone is demoted, they become _____

2 *heat up*: If something heats up, it gets _____

3 *cool down*: If something cools down, it gets _____

4 *improve*: If something improves, it gets _____

5 *deteriorate*: If something deteriorates, it gets _____

6 *go up*: If the price goes up, it gets _____

7 *go down*: If the price goes down, it gets _____

8 *expand*: If something expands, it gets _____

9 *shrink*: If something shrinks, it gets _____

Answer Key

2 Adjectives with -ed and -ing 1

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1 thrilled | 7 disgusted |
| 2 amusing | 8 shocked |
| 3 confused | 9 confusing |
| 4 tiring | 10 surprising |
| 5 frightening | 11 horrifying |
| 6 horrified | |

The hidden word is *descriptions*.

3 Adjectives with -ed and -ing 2

- A
- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 He feels frightened. | 3 They feel bored. |
| 2 They feel exhausted. | 4 She feels excited. |

- B
a1 b4 c3 d2

- C
- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| a 4 very exciting. | c 3 very boring. |
| b 1 very frightening. | |

- D
1a 2b 3b 4a 5b 6a

4 Adverbs of time

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| A since | for |
| June | ages |
| Saturday | two years |
| you arrived | nine months |
| last weekend | quite a while |
| he was born | over a year |

- a since b for

- B
- | | | |
|-------|---------|---------|
| 1 for | 2 since | 3 ago |
| 4 for | 5 ago | 6 since |

5 Articles 1

- A
- | | | | |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 a | 2 the | 3 the | 4 the |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|

- B
- | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1 a | 4 a | 7 the | 10 the |
| 2 the | 5 the | 8 the | 11 the |
| 3 a | 6 the | 9 the | 12 a |

- C
- | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 the | 3 the | 5 the |
| 2 the | 4 a | 6 the |

6 Articles 2

- A
1b 2a 3c 4d 5e 6f

- B
1 a, d, e 2 b, c, f

- C
1e 2a 3c 4d 5b

7 Articles 3

- | | | |
|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 ___ | 4 the | 7 the |
| 2 ___ | 5 ___, ___, ___ | 8 the |
| 3 the | 6 ___ | 9 ___ |

8 Comparing 1

- A
- Diamonds are more precious than pearls.
 - A mountain is bigger than a hill.
 - People are more intelligent than monkeys.
 - Phoning is easier than writing a letter.
 - Chocolate is sweeter than fruit.
 - A lion is more dangerous than a cat.

- B
- ... more junior.
 - ... hotter.
 - ... colder.
 - ... better.
 - ... worse.
 - ... more expensive.
 - ... cheaper.
 - ... bigger.
 - ... smaller.

9 Comparing 2

- cheaper, longer, shorter
- flatter, sadder, thinner, wetter
- noisier, funnier, lazier, easier
- more bored, more pleased, more solid, more comfortable, more fragile, more expensive, more surprising, more intelligent, more dangerous
- better (good), worse (bad)

10 Comparing 3

- A
- ... the Empire State Building isn't as tall as the Twin Towers.
 - ... the sperm whale isn't as big as the blue whale.
 - ... the wren isn't as small as the hummingbird.
 - ... the Amazon isn't as long as the Nile.

- B
- | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1 good | 6 more intelligent than |
| 2 as good as | 7 stronger |
| 3 younger | 8 more confident |
| 4 as tall as | 9 better than |
| 5 older | |

11 Comparing 4

- A
- a Peter b Frank c Vince
 - a Greek b Chinese c Egyptian

- B
1b 2a 3c 4d

- C
1a 2d 3c 4b 5f 6e

12 Conditionals 1

- A
- If you need anything I'll get it for you.
 - If it wasn't raining I'd go swimming.
 - If I could fly I'd go to the moon.
 - If it's not the right size I'll bring it back.
 - If I was younger I'd join you.

- B
- I'd visit the Science Museum if it was/were open.
 - If the shops are open, I'll buy some new clothes.
 - I'd go to the island if it wasn't/weren't too/so far.
 - If the weather's nice, I'll go to the zoo.
 - I'd go for a sail around the harbour if there was/were enough time.