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Complete the following exercises.

GRAMMAR

1 Read sentences a–c from the article. Match them to 1–3 in the GRAMMAR PANEL.

a Many believe he is the finest sprinter the world has ever seen.

b The more determined and motivated you are, the more successful you will be.

c Ochoa spent hours practicing to become more and more accurate.

MAKING COMPARISONS

Comparatives with *and*

We link two comparatives with *and* to show that something becomes progressively greater in quality or quantity:

(1) .....

We use *more and more... / less and less...* or *-(i)er and -(i)er*:

more and more difficult / less and less energetic / happier and happier

Comparatives with *the... the...*

We use *the* + two comparatives with *more/less* or *-(i)er* to show that the second part of the sentence is the result of the first:

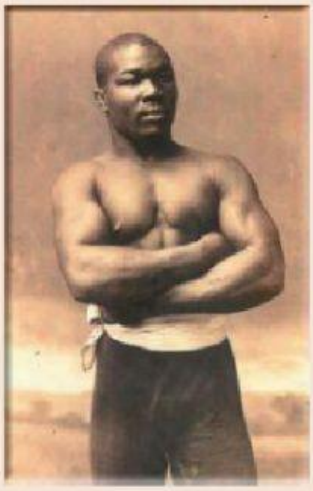
(2) .....

Superlative + present perfect

We use the superlative + present perfect to compare a person/event to our experience up to now:

(3) .....

2 Complete the text. Use the correct form of the adjectives in parentheses where given.



Boxer **Joe Walcott** was born in British Guyana in 1873. Some experts say he was (1) ..... *(great)* fighter of his weight that the boxing ring (2) ..... ever known. Walcott coined the phrase, "The (3) ..... *(big)* they are, (4) ..... *(hard)* they fall." Despite his short stature he went on to beat (5) ..... and ..... *(large)* opponents, whose punches usually landed on his shoulders. Between 1901 and 1904 he became (6) ..... and ..... *(powerful)*, until he accidentally shot himself in the hand. (7) ..... *(weak)* his hand got, the (8) ..... *(successful)* he became, until he finally retired from boxing in 1911.