Comparisons

Exercise 1: Rewrite the sentences, using the words in brackets.

1. John is taller than Mike. (as ... as)

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2. This car is more expensive than that one. (less ... than)

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3. No student in the class is as hardworking as Emma. (the most)

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4. My house is bigger than yours. (not as ... as)

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5. This is the funniest movie I have ever seen. (funnier... than)

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6. Sarah runs faster than her brother. (not as ... as)

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7. The blue shirt is cheaper than the black shirt. (more expensive)

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8. Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.(higher than)

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9. Tom is stronger than any other boy in the team.(the strongest)

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10. The train is faster than the bus.(not as ... as)

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11. My sister is less patient than my mother.(more ... than)

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Exercise 2:

For each question, write the correct answer. Write ONE word for each gap.

My big brother

In my blog post today, I want to tell you about my big brother, Steve. He's four years older **(1)** ..... me and he's my only brother. I don't have any sisters. We get on well **(2)** ..... each other, despite the difference in our ages. He's in his final year **(3)** ..... high school and he wants to study languages when he goes to university next year. He's really good at learning new languages. He **(4)** ..... already learned to speak three (English, French and German) and wants to learn Russian and Japanese too.

I **(5)** ..... miss him when he goes away next year. We often do things together. Last week, for example, we went to the cinema together. The film we both wanted to see wasn't on any more, so we ended **(6)** ..... watching something that wasn't very good. But we had fun together anyway, like we always do.

Exercise 3:

The Evolution of Modern Offices

When open-plan offices first became popular, companies believed they would foster collaboration. However, recent studies suggest they might actually cause (0) more workplace distractions than productivity boosts.

To begin with, employees working in open environments frequently report experiencing twice (1) _____ many interruptions throughout the day as those with private desks. Managing a team under these conditions requires a great deal (2) _____ effort on the part of managers, who must constantly resolve noise complaints.

Furthermore, the layout often results in far (3) _____ opportunities for deep, focused thinking than traditional offices ever did. While proponents argue that open spaces create a sense of community, many introverted workers feel that the lack of privacy is (4) _____ of a burden than a benefit. Ultimately, the (5) _____ time staff spend trying to block out background noise, the less energy they have to dedicate to their actual assignments. It seems that providing a quiet environment is just (6) _____ important a factor in employee satisfaction as offering competitive salaries.

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