

GRAMMAR FOCUS: COMPARATIVE STRUCTURES

A. Complete the sentences with a comparative or superlative form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Jack was _____ than I thought he'd be. (a lot / nervous)
- 2 I've just seen the _____ rock band in the world (crazy)
- 3 The film was _____ than I'd expected (a great deal / entertaining)
- 4 Colette is _____ dancer in our group (by far / talented)
- 5 I wasn't _____ you were. (nearly/good)
- 6 The more we rehearse the play, the _____ I feel about it. (good)
- 7 This year we have _____ free time than normal. (much/little)
- 8 My singing is _____ than yours! (a great deal / bad)

B. Put one suitable word in each space.

- 1 My brother is two years older _____ me.
- 2 The train takes just _____ long as the bus.
- 3 I thought the second hotel we stayed in was _____ more friendly.
- 4 Unfortunately we are _____ rich than we used to be.
- 5 Do you think you could make a _____ less noise?
6. These exercises seem to be getting harder and _____.
- 7 Jean doesn't need as much help as Harry _____.
- 8 David didn't enjoy the match as much as I _____.

C. Complete each sentence with the most suitable word or phrase.

- 1 I really think that apologizing is _____ you can do.

A not as much as B a little C the least D as far as

- 2 I can't stand this weather. It's getting _____.

A more and more B worse and worse C coldest and coldest D further and further

- 3 Although Brenda came last, everyone agreed she had _____ her best.

A done B made C had D got

- 4 I wish Charles worked as hard as Mary _____

A did B can B will D does

- 5 The more you water this plant, the _____ it will grow.

A best B tall C wetter D faster

6 From now on, we won't be able to go out as much as we _____

A were

B had

C used to

D will

7 I've never owned _____ independent cat as this one!

A a more than

B such an

C a so

D as much an

8 Brian has been working _____ since he was promoted.

A much harder

B as harder

C Just as hardly

D more hardly

9 I've been feeling _____ tired lately, doctor.

A such a

B the most

C more and more

D much

10 This exercise will give you _____ practice.

A farther

B much more

C as better

D a lot

D. Transformations

1 Your car was cheaper than mine. **COST**

Your car _____ did

2 I'm not as good at maths as you are. **BETTER**

You _____ I am.

3 Keith is slightly taller than Nigel. **LITTLE**

Keith _____ Nigel.

4 Bill was growing angrier all the time. **AND**

Bill _____ angrier.

5 Sally tried as hard as she could. **DID**

Sally _____ best.

6 I thought this film would be better. **AS**

This film _____ I expected.

7 This is the bumpiest road I've ever driven along! **SUCH**

I've never _____ road.

8 When you eat a lot, you get fat. **MORE**

The. _____ you get.