VOCAB AND GRAMMAR REVIEW

talk english

Keeping koi

1. Read the article and choose the correct words.

Why would anyone decide to keep a snake as a pet? They're only slightly more attractive *1 as/than* _____ tortoises. And they're nowhere near as *2 cute/cuter* _____ as rabbits — although you might have to feed your snake one. What's more, they're *3 far/more* _____ harder to look after than most pets.

Well, despite these reasons, over a million people in the UK keep some kind of 'exotic' pet. Although that's considerably *4 fewer/less* _____ people than those who have a cat, it's *5 near/nearly* _____ as many as the number of people who own a goldfish. And I bet they don't describe their goldfish as fascinating. Snake owners are *6 much/lot* _____ less strange than you might expect Last week I met an enthusiastic Carla, from Birmingham — though I was a great deal *7 fewer/less* _____ enthusiastic than Carla to meet her two pythons, Bart and Lisa. Unlike their cartoon 'cousins', Bart is not *8 anywhere/quite* _____ as lively as Lisa and sits quietly throughout our meeting. Lisa, on the other hand, is clearly ready to play. "Don't worry," says Carla. "She's *9 no/not* _____ more dangerous than *10 I'm /me*_____."

2. Complete sentence b) so it has the same meaning as a). You can use between two and five words, including the word in brackets.

1. a) Cats are much easier to look after than dogs.
   b) Cats are *nowhere near as difficult* to look after as dogs. (nowhere)
2. a) Goldfish are a lot cheaper than koi.
   b) Goldfish are _____ koi. (nearly)
3. a) Tortoises are far less interesting than snakes.
   b) Tortoises aren't anywhere _____ snakes. (near)
4. a) Butterflies have considerably larger wings than bees.
   b) Butterflies' wings _____ than bees' wings. (deal)
5. a) Tortoises aren't quite as easy to look after as goldfish.
   b) Goldfish are _____ look after than tortoises. (little)
6. a) Many people think dolphins are no more intelligent than whales.
   b) Many people think whales are just _____ dolphins. (as)

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