

5.1 comparatives and superlatives

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 Vietnam is *by far/far* the most interesting country I've ever visited.
- 2 The film wasn't as *good/better* as I expected it to be.
- 3 This is the *smaller/smallest* size we have.
- 4 This brand is exactly the same *as/than* that one, but half the price.
- 5 James is one of the tallest *boy/boys* in his year at school.
- 6 This dish is very similar *to/than* the one we had last week.
- 7 This TV is slightly more expensive *as/than* that one, but it's much better.
- 8 The *furthest/further* I've ever travelled from home is the north of the country.
- 9 That soup was *by far/far* more delicious than I expected it to be.
- 10 That's the tallest building *of/in* the world.
- 11 Charlotte is probably the *least/least most* confident person I know.
- 12 I think English is easier *then/than* my language.

2 Use the prompts to make sentences.

- 1 London / much / big / Manchester

- 2 Sandy / far / best / student / class

- 3 this exercise / slightly / difficult / last one

- 4 Chile / one / beautiful / places / I / ever / visited

- 5 Spanish / very / similar / Portuguese

- 6 Ben / friendly / than / Gary

- 7 the exam / wasn't / difficult / expected

- 8 this top / exactly / same / that one

- 9 Tokyo / far / expensive / Bangkok

- 10 this book / bit / longer / his last book

5.2 question tags

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 You haven't got the time, *have/got* you?
- 2 We're going to lose, *going/aren't* we?
- 3 James and Cathy don't like Charlie, *does he/do they*?
- 4 I failed the exam, *wasn't/didn't* I?
- 5 You won't tell her, *will/won't* you?
- 6 She hasn't arrived yet, *has/did* she?
- 7 Graham hates spinach, *doesn't/does* he?
- 8 It'll probably be sunny tomorrow, *isn't/won't* it?
- 9 He isn't a teacher any more, *isn't/is* he?
- 10 You can't swim, *do/can* you?
- 11 You work with Sandra, *work/don't* you?
- 12 We'll have arrived by 10.00, *won't/haven't* we?

2 Use auxiliary verbs and pronouns in the box to write a question tag for each statement.

am aren't do don't has he I (x2) is isn't
it shall she shouldn't they we (x2) will
you (x2)

- 1 You don't live here, _____?
- 2 She's going to be late, _____?
- 3 We should get her a present, _____?
- 4 I'm in trouble, _____?
- 5 Tim hasn't called yet, _____?
- 6 Let's go out for a meal, _____?
- 7 It isn't raining outside, _____?
- 8 You know Cathy, _____?
- 9 They won't be expecting us, _____?
- 10 I'm not the first one here again, _____?

3 Complete the conversations with question tags.

- 1 A: It's horrible weather today, _____?
B: Absolutely awful.
- 2 A: You've met Kim, _____?
B: Oh yes, we met at the conference last year.
- 3 A: Let's get a taxi, _____?
B: Good idea. I'm exhausted.
- 4 A: You won't see Paul tonight, _____?
B: Actually, I think I might. Why?
- 5 A: You like cycling, _____?
B: Yes, I love it. You should join me sometime.
- 6 A: You haven't seen my glasses anywhere, _____?
B: They're by your bed.

5.3 polite requests

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 Could you tell me what time *is it/it is*?
- 2 Could you *pass/passing* me that book, please?
- 3 Do you know what time *does the film start/the film starts*?
- 4 Would you mind *opening/to open* the window?
- 5 Do you know which train *this is/is this*?
- 6 Could you open that window *for/to* me?
- 7 Would you *mind/like* having a look at my work?
- 8 Could you tell me *how far is the station/how far the station is*?

2 Use the prompts to make polite requests.

- 1 could / tell / way / bus station / please / ?

- 2 would / mind / open / door / me / ?

- 3 please / could / put / my bag / rack / ?

- 4 do / know / time / game / start / ?

- 5 could / tell / how much / these jeans / cost / ?

- 6 would / mind / help / me / carry / this / ?

- 7 do / know / how far / it / from / here / ?

- 8 could / tell / where / bank / please / ?

3 Choose the best response, a) or b), to the requests in Exercise 2.

- 1 a) Yes, I can. It's left at the end of the road.
b) Can I? It's left at the end of the road.
- 2 a) Of course not. Here you are.
b) Yes, please. Here you are.
- 3 a) No! It's too heavy for me.
b) I'm sorry, I can't. It's too heavy for me.
- 4 a) I'm not sure. 3.30, I think.
b) I don't sure. 3.30, I think.
- 5 a) You're welcome. They're £45.
b) Yes, of course. They're £45.
- 6 a) I'm sure. Oh, it's heavy!
b) Sure. Oh, it's heavy!
- 7 a) I'm not sure, but it's not far.
b) I'm sure, but it's not far.
- 8 a) Of course not. Turn left at the end of the road.
b) Yes, of course. Turn left at the end of the road.

Consolidation

1 Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

A: Excuse me, you're from round here, ¹ _____ you?

B: Yes, I am. Why?

A: Could you tell me where ² _____ nearest tube station ³ _____?

B: Well, that depends. Camden Town is ⁴ _____ but Euston is ⁵ _____ easier to get to.

A: Ah, OK. Euston is on the Victoria line, ⁶ _____ it?

B: Yes, that's right.

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| 1 a) are | b) aren't | c) isn't |
| 2 a) the | b) a | c) it |
| 3 a) is | b) be | c) are |
| 4 a) bigger | b) more | c) nearer |
| 5 a) slightly | b) many | c) bit |
| 6 a) aren't | b) isn't | c) doesn't |



2 Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

A: You don't like Ed very much, ¹ _____ you?

B: No, I don't. I think he's one of the rudest ² _____ I've ³ _____ met.

A: You should get to know him though. You'll find he's not as bad ⁴ _____ he seems.

B: I'm sorry, I just don't see it. In fact, ⁵ _____ you mind not mentioning his name again?

A: OK! My, you really don't like him, ⁶ _____ you?

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| 1 a) don't | b) do | c) are |
| 2 a) person | b) persons | c) people |
| 3 a) ever | b) yet | c) still |
| 4 a) than | b) as | c) to |
| 5 a) did | b) will | c) would |
| 6 a) do | b) don't | c) is |