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Grammar in use

1 Complete the email with the correct *present* tense form of the verb in brackets.

To: Dylan
From: Peter
Subject: News from the jungle!

Hi Dylan,

I **1** (**just/receive**) your email. You know how you **2** (**always/complain**) that I usually **3** (**not/do**) anything adventurous? Well guess what! I **4** (**write**) this email in the middle of the jungle! I **5** (**stay**) with a native tribe for the last two weeks to do some research. They **6** (**live**) in the middle of the Amazonian Rainforest.

Later today, I **7** (**meet**) the camp elder. I'm quite nervous. I **8** (**look**) forward to this for a week. I know you **9** (**visit**) South America a few times, but this is something completely new for me. Anyway, I've got to go now – there's a message on the screen that says the battery **10** (**run**) low. Talk to you soon.

Best,
Peter

2 Put the words in brackets into the correct *present* tense.

- A: I (**think**) of visiting Greg tonight.
B: I (**not/think**) that's a good idea; he's sick with the flu.
- A: (**you/talk**) to Tom and Mike lately?
B: No, I (**not/see**) them since last Friday.
- A: Why (**you/look**) at that girl?
B: Because she (**look**) just like my cousin.
- A: I (**see**) your tooth still hurts.
B: Yes, it does. I (**see**) my dentist tomorrow.
- A: (**you/see**) Paul?
B: He (**just/leave**) his office. He (**have**) an appointment in fifteen minutes.

3 Put the adjectives/adverbs into the correct form adding any necessary words.

- Of all the students in the class, Jack works (**hard**).
- Adam feels much (**healthy**) now that he has stopped eating so many sweets.
- The quicker we walk, the (**soon**) we get there.
- John is just a bit (**tall**) his father.
- Wait for me! I can't run as (**fast**) you.
- This is definitely (**nice**) meal we've ever eaten.
- I can't understand what you're saying. Can you speak a little (**slow**)?
- This book was (**good**) I've ever read.

4 Complete the interview with the correct *comparative* or *superlative* form.

Presenter: Tonight, we have Dr Grant Thomas. He's just got back from a year with the nomadic Darhad people in Mongolia. So what's it like in Mongolia?

Dr Thomas: Well, the weather there is very different. It's winter at the moment and it gets a lot **1** (**cold**) than in England, sometimes as **2** (**low**) -54°C. Their summer is much **3** (**warm**) than ours, too. It's the **4** (**tough**) environment I've ever lived in.

Presenter: Life must be really hard for the tribe.

Dr Thomas: It is, and things are getting **5** and (**bad**) all the time. By far the **6** (**important**) problem is the fact that a lot of the young members of the tribe want to settle down in towns and cities.

Presenter: That's a shame. OK, let's take some phone calls from our listeners.

5 Complete the exclamations with *How* or *What*.

- a rude man!
- impatient she is!
- quietly he talks!
- a nosey person you are!
- generous people they are!