

PART 2: Basic Grammar Exercises

Exercise 1. Complete using the comparative form of the words in brackets.

1. Wait! Your bicycle is.....(fast) than mine!
2. Phew! It's much.....(hot) than it was yesterday, isn't it?
3. I think you look.....(pretty) when you wear your hair up.
4. The price of batteries has gone up. They're a lot.....(expensive) than last time.
5. Angus hasn't been practising the piano and he's got a lot.....(bad).
6. His new film is much.....(entertaining) than his last one. I loved that one!
7. Tell us another joke – but a.....(short) one this time. That one tool forever!
8. I didn't win the lottery. Maybe I'll be.....(lucky) next time.
9. The Russian athlete threw the discus.....(far) than all the others and won gold.
10. I think these biscuits are even.....(nice) than the last ones you made!

Exercise 2. Choose a, b, c or d that best completes the sentence.

8. _____ you get to the cinema, _____ seat you have.

- a. The sooner/the better
- b. The soonest/ the best
- c. the soon/ the good
- d. Sooner/ Better

9. The picnic was _____ I had expected.

- a. more a hundred times fun than
- b. a hundred times more fun than
- c. a hundred times fun more than
- d. more fun than a hundred times

10. _____ he drank, _____ he became

- a. More/ more violent
- b. The more/ the more violent
- c. the most/ the most violent
- d. the less/ less violent

11. After three months' practice, Peter can run _____.

- a. fast and fast
- b. the more and more fast
- c. faster and faster
- d. more and more fast

12. Her husband is _____ she is.

- a. ten years older than
- b. older then years than
- c. as ten years old as
- d. so many ten years older

13. Rolls Royce is _____ any other car.

- a. much more expensive than
- b. so much expensive as
- c. as much expensive than
- d. very more expensive than

14. Today women do not have _____ they used to years ago

- a. as much children as
- b. as children as
- c. as many children as
- d. more children as

15. _____ money he makes, _____ useless things he buys

- a. More/more
- b. More/the more
- c. the more/the more
- d. the most/ the most

16. He is _____ person I have ever met.

- a. quite the most intelligent
- b. far intelligent as
- c. far more intelligent
- d. as intelligent

17. He is _____ his wife.

- a. twice as heavy as
- b. as heavy as twice
- c. as twice heavy as
- d. twice as heavy than

18. _____ he insisted he was innocent, _____ they seemed to believe him.

- a. The more/ the less
- b. The most/ the least
- c. more/less
- d. most/ least