

## Comparatives and superlatives

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### The most fierce rivalry in the world



For many people, <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the greatest rival they will ever face is their own brother or sister. Studies have shown that while growing up, siblings spend <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ time with each other than with anyone else. Often, this isn't all smooth sailing. One study found that siblings aged three to seven fought on average 3.5 times per hour. The closer siblings were in age, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ frequent the disagreement. Rivalry still exists, but is <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ less obvious among siblings of different genders. Interestingly, some studies indicate that where one sibling shows <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ skill at a certain activity, the other sibling may avoid that activity altogether. Experts say parents can reduce sibling rivalry by treating children <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ equally as possible.

### YOUR STORIES

#### Julie

My sister is just a little <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ younger than me, eleven months. Whatever hobbies I took up, she wanted to copy them. When I was taking tennis lessons, she also decided to start, and before long became <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ better player. The same thing happened with dance, violin and swimming. It really was <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ frustrating thing ever.

#### Asim

My twin brother is <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ clown than me – I'm quite shy and reserved. The more people laugh, <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ more jokes he makes. I've never really tried to be funny because I'll never be as entertaining <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ he is.

#### Marcos

I'm the sixth of seven siblings and we've always got on well, probably more easily <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in some other families because my parents were very strict about being fair and kind. We're as <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ever these days, in fact, we all live <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ than ten minutes walk from each other!