

## ANH 6. BDHSG

### GRAMMAR: TOPIC 4: COMPARISONS

#### I/ SHORT ADJECTIVES/ADVERBS AND LONG ONES

#### II/ TYPES OF COMPARISONS

1. Equal
2. Comparatives
3. Superlatives

#### PRACTICE

## I/ ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

### 3 Turn the following adjectives into adverbs.

1 loud - ..... <i>loudly</i> .....	4 fast - ..... .	7 quick - .....
2 good - .....	5 easy - .....	8 noisy - .....
3 careful - .....	6 hard - .....	9 happy - .....

### 4 Complete the sentences. Use the phrases from the box below.

his car slowly

French very well

happily together

the guitar badly

animals beautifully

his food fast

1 Tim drives ..... <i>his car slowly</i> ..... .	4 Khalid speaks .....
2 Nadia plays .....	5 Emma draws .....
3 Ivan usually eats .....	6 Anna and Carlos live .....

### 5 Rewrite the sentences as in the example:

1 She is a good dancer. She <i>dances well</i> .....	3 Kelly is a hard worker. Kelly .....
2 You are a quick learner. You .....	4 Janet is a beautiful singer. Janet .....

### 6 Alex is at a summer camp. He wants to find some excuses to return home. Complete his letter.

Dear Mum,

Life here is great. All the children behave very 1) ..... *well* ..... (good). Some girls talk very 2) ..... *(polite)* to me. I share a room with a girl called Anna. She is very kind and she says that I sing 3) ..... *(beautiful)*! Mrs Norris, the bus driver, drives very 4) ..... *(careful)*.

I'm having a good time here. See you soon.

Love,

Alex

#### 4 Underline the correct item.

- 1 He left the room **quiet** / quietly.
- 2 Jane works **hard** / hardly.
- 3 He's a very **nice** / nicely man.
- 4 The sun is shining **bright** / brightly.

- 5 She behaves very **good** / well.
- 6 He always dresses **smart** / smartly.
- 7 He shouted **angry** / angrily at me.
- 8 You drive very **slow** / slowly.

#### 6 Underline the correct item. Then match the beginnings to the endings.

1  c Jackie was 1) **slow** / slowly walking home after a long day at work when 2) **sudden** / suddenly a poster caught her attention. It was a very 3) **beautiful** / beautifully girl. She looked at the poster 4) **careful** / carefully one more time. That was Amy!

2  Mark loves driving his 1) **expensive** / expensively new sports car. 2) **Unfortunate** / Unfortunately, he also loves driving fast. On that cold winter night, the weather was really 3) **bad** / badly but Mark didn't care. And then he saw the big van in front of him.

3  Jennifer was smiling 1) **proud** / proudly as she arrived at the church. She looked perfect in her 2) **simple** / simply white dress as she walked 3) **slow** / slowly towards John.

a Later that night, Mark was in hospital but he felt 1) **lucky** / luckily he was alive. He decided never to drive so 2) **careless** / carelessly again.

b When the service finished, the 1) **pretty** / prettily couple ran 2) **quick** / quickly into the car waiting for them outside. A new life was in front of them!

c Jackie looked at Amy and smiled 1) **happy** / happily. She then said to her 2) **soft** / softly: "Congratulations, Amy!"

2 Put the words from the list below into the correct column.

bad	early	quick	tidy	hard	monthly
fast	easily	quietly	carelessly	late	careful
angrily	noisy	daily	slowly	large	happily

Adjectives	Adverbs	Adjectives & Adverbs
bad, .....	angrily, .....	fast, .....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

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Put the adverbs from the list below into the correct column.

Listen and check.

easily	here	often	happily
always	last year	there	carefully
yesterday	now	away	seldom
on Sunday	usually	everywhere	badly

How (adverbs of manner)	Where (adverbs of place)	When (adverbs of time)	How often (adverbs of frequency)
easily, .....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....

## II/ ORDER OF ADJECTIVES

Hi Susan!

How was your birthday? Mine was great! We had a fancy dress party this year and I invited all my close friends. I wore a  1) .... *funny, orange* ... (*funny/orange*) clown suit and  2) ..... (*green/curly*) hair. Everyone laughed as I walked around the room with my  3) ..... (*red/plastic/huge*) shoes.

All my friends looked great too! My best friend Diane amazed us all with her fairy costume.

She wore  4) ..... (*silver/shiny*) wings and carried a  5) ..... (*long/plastic*) wand.

The party was a lot of fun. We listened to  6) ..... (*new/cool*) CDs and ate lovely desserts. Mum made  7) ..... (*tasty/crunchy*) toffee apples and  8) ..... (*traditional/delicious*) fairy cakes.

We ended the night with a best costume contest and, to my surprise, I won!

I will send you some photos very soon.

### 5 Put the adjectives in the right order.

- 1 a new / woollen / red / smart / hat *a smart, new, red, woollen hat* .....
- 2 a(n) modern / luxurious / Italian / car .....
- 3 two / long / blue / beautiful / dresses .....
- 4 a gold / tiny / round / Russian / coin .....
- 5 a plastic / blue / little / spoon .....

## 6 Put the adjectives in the correct order.

- 1 a(n) Asian / little / pretty girl *a pretty, little, Asian girl*.....
- 2 a(n) wedding / expensive / white / dress .....
- 3 a detective / new / brilliant / French / film .....
- 4 a(n) Greek / ancient / fascinating / monument .....
- 5 a(n) pair of / black / walking / old / shoes .....
- 6 a red and white / lovely / Turkish / chess set .....

## 8 Rewrite the sentences in the correct order.

- 1 he / went / in the morning / to school / by bicycle *He went to school by bicycle in the morning*.....
- 2 at breakfast / I / drink milk / always .....
- 3 goes to work / by bus / never / Diego .....
- 4 at school / yesterday / hard / I worked .....
- 5 his books / often / forgets / Tom .....
- 6 home / last night / they went / on foot .....
- 7 for an hour / in the queue / patiently / he waited .....
- 8 he goes / often / abroad / on business .....

## 5 Underline the correct item.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 The arrow flew <b>wide</b> / <b>widely</b> of the target.</li><li>2 Computers are <b>wide</b> / <b>widely</b> used in schools.</li><li>3 Students can enter the museum <b>free</b> / <b>freely</b> on Saturdays.</li><li>4 He <b>free</b> / <b>freely</b> admitted that he was guilty.</li><li>5 I like sitting <b>near</b> / <b>nearly</b> the fire.</li><li>6 Be careful! You <b>near</b> / <b>nearly</b> hit the window.</li><li>7 She left too <b>late</b> / <b>lately</b> to catch the train.</li><li>8 Have you seen any good films <b>late</b> / <b>lately</b>?</li><li>9 She loved her brother <b>deep</b> / <b>deeply</b>.</li><li>10 To find water, they had to dig <b>deep</b> / <b>deeply</b> into the ground.</li><li>11 I think he's a <b>pretty</b> / <b>prettily</b> good singer, actually.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>12 The rooms were <b>pretty</b> / <b>prettily</b> furnished.</li><li>13 He tries very <b>hard</b> / <b>hardly</b> to make her happy.</li><li>14 Jim <b>hard</b> / <b>hardly</b> goes out these days.</li><li>15 Tommy came <b>last</b> / <b>lastly</b> in the 100m sprint.</li><li>16 <b>Last</b> / <b>Lastly</b>, I would like to thank the chef for providing such a delicious meal.</li><li>17 Mr Tibbs isn't in at the moment but he'll be here <b>short</b> / <b>shortly</b>.</li><li>18 The woman stopped <b>short</b> / <b>shortly</b> when she saw the robber.</li><li>19 The eagle was flying <b>high</b> / <b>highly</b> in the sky.</li><li>20 My father is a <b>high</b> / <b>highly</b> respected surgeon.</li></ol>
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### III/ COMPARISONS

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Complete the table.

Adjectives	Comparative	Superlative
small	..... <i>smaller</i> .....	..... <i>the smallest</i> .....
loud	better	.....
intelligent	higher	.....
big	.....	.....
	more helpful	.....
	.....	<i>the fastest</i>

Now complete the sentences with adjectives from the table.

- 1 I can't reach the vase. Why did Dad put it on ..... *the highest* ..... shelf?
- 2 This is ..... essay I've ever written.
- 3 Steve's voice is ..... than Tim's.
- 4 Judy is ..... than Ben. After all she's a straight-A student.
- 5 Asia is ..... than Africa.
- 6 The cheetah is ..... animal in the world.

**10** Use the adverbs in the list in the correct form to complete the sentences.

Add any necessary words.

fast

formally

early

well

wonderfully

carefully

- 1 This is ..... *the most wonderfully* ..... written book I've ever read.
- 2 David cooks ..... his wife.
- 3 Sam drives ..... all my friends. He always pays attention to the road signs.
- 4 Susan is ..... dressed ..... Joanna.
- 5 Chloe arrived ..... the other students.
- 6 Klaus ran ..... and won the race.

**15** Put the adjectives / adverbs in brackets into the **comparative** or **superlative** form, adding any necessary words.

- 1 A: I like Geometry more than Algebra. What about you?  
B: Actually, I find Algebra much ... *more interesting* ... (*interesting*).
- 2 A: What did you think of the Chemistry exam, Peter?  
B: Well, it was ..... (*difficult*) exam we've had so far.
- 3 A: Were the tickets for the concert expensive?  
B: No, I got seats in the back row. They were ..... (*cheap*) I could find.
- 4 A: Your work isn't very good, Elisha. I'm sure you can do ..... (*well*).  
B: I promise I'll try ..... (*hard*).
- 5 A: Thank you for your help.  
B: My pleasure. For ..... (*far*) information, contact the school.
- 6 A: Do you prefer the brown jacket?  
B: Yes, but it is much ..... (*expensive*) the grey one.
- 7 A: We can't hear you. Could you speak ..... (*loudly*), please?  
B: Yes. of course.

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Put the adjectives / adverbs in brackets into the **comparative** or **superlative** form, adding any necessary words.

1 A: Melanie got straight As again this term.  
B: It doesn't surprise me. She's the most hard-working (hard-working) student of all.

2 A: How was your holiday in the Caribbean?  
B: It was ..... (relaxing) trip I've ever taken.

3 A: I have to leave now. It's getting late.  
B: Don't go yet. Stay a bit ..... (long).

4 A: Thanks for helping me clean up after the party.  
B: Don't mention it. It's ..... (little) we could do.

5 A: How much ..... (far) is it to the airport?  
B: About five minutes. Don't worry. We'll get there soon.

6 A: What did you think of Bob's speech?  
B: It was OK, but Mary's was much ..... (interesting).

7 A: This place is too noisy. Can we go somewhere ..... (quiet)?  
B: Yes, of course.

8 A: Did you have a nice time yesterday?  
B: Yes. The party was great. I stayed far ..... (long) than I was expecting to.

9 A: Do you like my homemade vegetarian lasagne?  
B: Yes, it's ..... (good) lasagne I've ever tasted.

10 A: Did you enjoy Doug Thomson's new adventure film?  
B: Yes, but his last film was much ..... (exciting).

11 A: How do you like our new sofa?  
B: I love it. It's ..... (comfortable) than your last one.

12 A: The Maths test was quite easy.  
B: I know. It was a lot ..... (easy) than I thought it would be.

13 A: Did you enjoy the Dragon roller coaster ride?  
B: Absolutely not! It was ..... (frightening) ride I've ever been on.

14 A: I think I'd prefer the brown dress.  
B: I know but this one is ..... (cheap).

**17**

Complete the sentences using **the + comparative** as in the example:

1 The wind blew hard. The kite flew high in the sky.  
..... The harder ..... the wind blew, ..... the higher ..... the kite flew.

2 It got dark. I became frightened.  
..... it got, ..... I became.

3 We worked hard. We became very successful.  
..... we worked, ..... we became.

4 The boys got noisy. Their father became angry.  
..... the boys got, ..... their father became.

## 17

Put the adjectives / adverbs in brackets into the correct form.

- Travelling by car is far *more expensive* than travelling by bus.
- The Yangtze River Dolphin is one of *rare* mammals in the world.
- Recycling is very *important* to help protect the environment.
- I can't understand you. Can you please slow down and speak *clear*?
- Dolphins are actually *smart* than chimpanzees.
- The *Mona Lisa* is *valuable* painting in the world.
- It is *difficult* to find work in the countryside than in the city.
- Jill was tired last night, so she went to bed *early* than usual.

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Complete the questions with the correct comparative / superlative form of the words in brackets, and then choose the correct answer.

- Which is *the biggest* country in the world?  
A Canada      B Russia
- Which planet is *closest* to the Sun?  
A Mercury      B Earth
- When did *strongest* earthquake hit Chile?  
A 1960      B 1990
- Which animal is *more dangerous* than the elephant?  
A polar bear      B lion
- What are becoming more and *more popular* these days?  
A online games      B comic books
- Which is *highest* mountain in Europe?  
A Mount Blanc      B Mount Elbrus
- What is one of *most serious* problems we face today?  
A heavy traffic      B climate change
- In which city do we find *tallest* building ever made?  
A Dubai      B Taipei

## 19

Choose the correct answer.

- He is by far *the worst* tennis player I've ever seen.  
A bad      B worse      C the worst
- Your short story wasn't that creative. I'm sure you can do *better*.  
A better      B the best      C well
- That green outfit is *the least* trendy of all.  
A the least      B the less      C little
- The more you learn, the *smarter* you'll become.  
A smart      B smarter      C the smartest
- Frank's car is parked further away from here *mine*.  
A of      B from      C than
- Yesterday wasn't *as cold as* it is today.  
A as cold as      B as cold      C colder than
- Sarah is *more* responsible than Wendy.  
A more      B much      C the most
- It is *noisier* in the city than it is in the village.  
A noisy      B more noise      C noisier
- I don't have *slight* idea what you're talking about.  
A slight      B slighter than      C the slightest
- If you have any *further* problems, please let me know.  
A farther      B further      C furthest

**20** Complete the sentences as in the example:

- 1 She gets *more and more beautiful* ..... every day. (**beautiful**)
- 2 My toothache is getting ..... (**painful**)
- 3 As the day goes on, the weather gets ..... (**bad**)
- 4 The meteor was moving ..... to the Earth. (**close**)

**21** Complete each sentence as in the example:

- 1 (It is dangerous.) The faster you drive, *the more dangerous it is* .....
- 2 (Your marks will be good.) The harder you work, .....
- 3 (I feel fit.) The more I exercise, .....
- 4 (We'll get there late.) The later we leave, .....
- 5 (It is quiet.) The further we are from the city, .....
- 6 (The roads became busy.) The nearer we got to the city centre, .....

**22** Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

- 1 Dean finds Maths easier than Chemistry.  
**not** Chemistry *is not as easy as* ..... Maths for Dean.
- 2 Susan enjoys pizza more than she enjoys burgers.  
**to** Susan ..... burgers.
- 3 Lemonade isn't as nice as ice tea.  
**better** Ice tea ..... lemonade.
- 4 Boots are not as comfortable as trainers.  
**less** Boots are ..... trainers.
- 5 I'd rather walk home than take the bus.  
**prefer** I would ..... than take the bus.
- 6 At the party last night I felt more excited than ever.  
**as** I've never felt ..... I did at the party last night.