

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

### Comparatives

#### 1 Write the comparative forms.

1 small	4 happy
<hr/> smaller	<hr/>
2 big	5 interesting
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3 good	6 bad
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#### 2 Complete the rules with the adjectives from Exercise 1.

- 1 For one-syllable adjectives, add *-er*: 

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smaller.
- 2 For two-syllable adjectives ending in *-y*, remove the *-y* and add *-ier*: 

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- 3 For long adjectives, add *more* to the adjective: 

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- 4 For one-syllable adjectives ending in a vowel and a consonant, double the consonant and add *-er*: 

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- 5 For irregular adjectives, use a different word: 

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#### 3 Underline and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Windsurfing is more expensive that running. 

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- 2 Rugby is more fast than basketball. 

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- 3 Runners are usually thiner than swimmers. 

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- 4 Which sport is noisyer, volleyball or yoga? 

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- 5 She's badder at gymnastics than at hockey. 

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- 6 Playing sport is more better than watching it. 

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### Answers

- 1 table tennis ball: 116 km/h; tennis ball: 263 km/h
- 2 ice hockey match: 60 minutes; basketball match: 48 minutes

#### 4 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 An ice hockey match is longer than a basketball match. (long)
- 2 I think rock climbing is more exciting than yoga. (exciting)
- 3 Lola's better at tennis than her dad. (good)
- 4 Our school hockey team is worse than the rugby team. (bad)
- 5 We think rugby is a more difficult game than football. (difficult)
- 6 Doing sport is more healthy than watching TV. (healthy)

#### 5 Complete the questions with a comparative adjective. Then check the answers at the bottom of the page.

DANIEL Let's do this quiz! First question:

Which ball is <sup>1</sup> faster, a table tennis or a tennis ball?

ANDREA A table tennis ball?

DANIEL Next question: Which match is <sup>2</sup> longer, a basketball or an ice hockey match?

ANDREA I don't know. Ice hockey?

DANIEL Number three: Which country is <sup>3</sup> better at table tennis, China or South Korea?

ANDREA South Korea, I think.

DANIEL And the last question: Which sport is <sup>4</sup> more popular at schools here in New Zealand, hockey or athletics?

ANDREA Oh, dear! I don't know. Athletics maybe. What are the answers?



#### 6 Write three sentences comparing sports. Look at Exercise 4 to help you.

I think football is more entertaining than rugby.

- 3 China (1); South Korea (2)
- 4 number of people playing at schools in New Zealand: hockey: 13,967, athletics: 12,713