4.2 GRAMMAR

Comparative and superlative adjectives

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1 Write the opposite adjectives.

serious ≠ funny

1 fat ≠ _____
2 far ≠ _____
3 difficult ≠ _____
4 intelligent ≠ _____
5 good-looking ≠ _____
6 interesting ≠ _____

2 ★ Complete the dialogue with the correct comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

Emily: Two boys want to go to the end of school dance with me.
Kirsten: Who?
Emily: Wayne and Theo.
Kirsten: Well, go with Wayne. He's better-looking (good-looking) than Theo. He's [1]_____ (thin) too.
Emily: Well, Theo isn't fat! Anyway, Wayne is [2]_____ (boring) than Theo. Theo is [3]_____ (funny) than Wayne and he's [4]_____ (clever).
Kirsten: ... so, go with Theo.
Emily: Well ... Wayne has a lot of friends. He's [5]_____ (sociable) than Theo. Theo is [6]_____ (shy). Maybe it's better to go to the dance with Wayne, but it's a difficult decision.
Kirsten: Yes, but it's less difficult than deciding what to wear. That's impossible!

3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the adjectives in capitals.

My mum is older than my dad but the oldest person in our family is my dad's grandmother. She's 98. **OLD**

1 Harry isn't shy at all – he's the _____ boy in our class. In fact, he's _____ than our teachers! **CONFIDENT**
2 I'm not _____ than my mum. She's the _____ person in the house. **SHORT**
3 Who is the _____ person in my family? My baby sister. My brother Tom is _____ than me – he's ten and I'm twelve years old. **YOUNG**
4 I'd like to be _____ than I am but I'll never be the _____ person in my class. Seven people play sports for school teams. **FIT**
5 Ela's got _____ hair than me. She's got the_____ hair in our class. Some of the boys call her 'Rapunzel' but she doesn't mind. **LONG**



4 ★★ Complete the email with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.

Hi Eleanor,

How are you? Life here at university is great. The best (good) thing about it is that we've got a lot of free time! I like the lessons too. The lecturers are [1]_____ (interesting) than our teachers at school and they are [2]_____ (friendly) too. The [3]_____ (nice) lecturer is our psychology teacher. She's great.

The [4]_____ (bad) thing about university is that we have lectures at 8 a.m. every day. The other problem is my room. It's [5]_____ (small) than my bedroom at home. It's [6]_____ (tidy) too because my mother isn't here to tell me to put things away! It's a bit unfair because some of the rooms here are [7]_____ (big) than the one I've got. Oh well. How is everything with you? Hope your marks are [8]_____ (good) than last year!

See you soon,
Beverley

5 ★★★ Use the prompts to make full sentences.

The boy in that photo isn't Desmond. Desmond has got darker hair than him (Desmond / got / dark / hair / him).

1 I want Craig to win the school prize for best student. [a]_____ (He / clever / boy / in the school). [b]_____ (He / friendly / the other people) who are trying to win too.
2 We've got a book to read for English. The book I'm reading [a]_____ (funny / and / interesting / book we are studying). Why do they always choose [b]_____ (boring / books in the world) to read?
3 Tim: Look at that dog. [a]_____ (That / ugly / dog in the world!)
Phil: That's my dog!
Tim: What? Oh, sorry. Sometimes [b]_____ (I / stupid / person I know)!
Phil: Don't worry. I agree, he is a bit strange-looking but he's really friendly.

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6 Find the word that is wrong in each sentence and correct it. One sentence is correct.

You look different. Your hair is shortest than before. shorter

1 This is, without doubt, the worse day of my life. _____
2 Who is the kinder person in your class? _____
3 Don't worry about what Chloe says. You're much more cleverer than she is. _____
4 This year at school is less difficult than last year. Maybe I'm less shy than before! _____
5 After my holiday, I want to be slimer than I am now. _____
6 This lake looks narower on the map than that one. _____

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