

Skill 10 – Listen for negatives with comparatives

Play the audio. Choose the best answer. Keep in mind that negatives with comparatives express a very strong idea.

1. A) It's not very good.
B) It's the worst he's ever tried.
C) Others cook as well as he does.
D) He is the best cook.
2. A) She acted better last month.
B) She acted worse than others.
C) Her acting was the worst.
D) Others performed equally as bad.
3. A) Jason's performance was average.
B) Jason played the best.
C) Anyone could have played as well.
D) No one played well in the tournament.
4. A) She could have been more impressed.
B) Sarah was mildly surprised.
C) Sarah was extremely shocked.
D) Sarah wasn't taken aback at all.
5. A) The restaurant was very satisfying.
B) The restaurant was somewhat disappointing.

- C) The restaurant didn't meet her expectations at all.
D) Her experience could have been way worse.
6. A) She's pretty good at singing.
B) She sounded hoarse.
C) Others sing just as bad.
D) Her voice is the worst.
7. A) The hike was not tiring at all.
B) He's done harder physical activities.
C) The hike was somewhat relaxing.
D) The hike really wore him out.
8. A) The chemistry assignment was extremely easy.
B) The chemistry assignment was less challenging than previous ones.
C) They rarely assign challenging chemistry assignments.
D) The chemistry assignment was extremely difficult.
9. A) The hiking trail was well-maintained and easy.
B) The hiking trail was exceptionally challenging and rough.
C) They rarely encounter bumpy paths during their hiking trips.
D) The hiking trail was less rugged than expected.
10. A) She has little interest in managing the project.
B) No one else is capable of taking charge of the project.
C) None of her colleagues want her as a leader.

D) She is very eager to lead the project.

11. A) The selection was limited.

B) The selection was excellent.

C) She didn't like what she found.

D) Her shopping trip was unsuccessful.

12. A) He doesn't have enough credentials.

B) Someone else is more qualified.

C) The candidates are neck and neck.

D) He is the best fit.

13. A) James' performance left much to be desired.

B) James showed up as usual.

C) James' performance was unprecedented.

D) James could have made a bigger effort.

14. A) His back pain hasn't subsided yet.

B) His health problem has worsened severely.

C) He no longer feels back discomfort.

D) He wants to rest for a bit.

15. A) John was very engaged during the meeting.

B) There was nothing out of the ordinary in his attitude.

C) John exhibited extreme disinterest.

D) John manifested a positive attitude.