1 **Do the pairs of sentences have the same or a different meaning? Write *S* (Same) or *D* (Different).**

1 **A** A lake is not nearly as big as an ocean. ___S___
B An ocean is far bigger than a lake.
2 **A** April was a good deal hotter than March. _____
B March was slightly colder than April.
3 **A** Canada is almost as cold as Siberia. _____
B Siberia is a great deal colder than Canada.
4 **A** Last week's tornado was easily the most destructive in Texas ever. _____
B Last week's tornado was by far the most destructive in Texas ever.
5 **A** Statistically earthquakes are a bit more dangerous than wildfires. _____
B Statistically wildfires are nearly as dangerous as earthquakes.
6 **A** The longer the rainstorm lasts, the greater the flood will be. _____
B The shorter the rainstorm is, the bigger the flood will be.

2 **Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.**

1 I'm not (*quite*) / *almost* as fast as I used to be.
2 Chicago is windier *that* / *than* London.
3 It's *slightly* / *almost* as cold as it was yesterday.
4 This year's wildfires are a good deal *worse* / *worst*.
5 The *longer* / *longest* the river, the more water it carries.
6 The tornado was a *great* / *greatest* deal more powerful than predicted.
7 I'm not *nearly* / *easily* as tall as my brother.
8 Earthquakes are *by far* / *far* more dangerous than thunderstorms.

3 **Match 1–6 to A–F.**

1 This September was by far ___F___
2 The sea is far _____
3 The Sahara is easily the _____
4 The longer a wildfire lasts, _____
5 The volcano is a good _____
6 France is not nearly as _____

A more powerful than we realise.
B the more dangerous it becomes.
C deal more active now than it used to be.
D prone to earthquakes as Japan.
E largest non-polar desert.
F the wettest in India's history.

4 **Correct the mistake in bold in each sentence.**

1 The film was far better **that** I expected.
The film was far better than I expected.
2 Brazil is almost **so** big as the USA.
_____
3 It is healthier, cheaper and far **more safer** than driving a car.
_____
4 The Earth is **a bit of** wider around the equator.
_____
5 Reptiles can run almost as fast **than** lions.
_____
6 The larger the volcano, the **most** dangerous it is.
_____

5 **Complete the text with the phrases below.**

isn't nearly as green as	the more it melts
a great deal more populated	~~not as cold as~~
by far the tallest	slightly faster

The Arctic and Antarctic are poles apart! The Arctic is [1] *not as cold as* the Antarctic, mostly due to differences in height. The Antarctic is [2] _____ continent on Earth with an average height of 2,300 m! Because of its climate, Antarctica [3] _____ the north: only two flowering plants grow there, compared to 900 in the Arctic. What about people? Well the Arctic is [4] _____: 4 million inhabitants, compared to Antarctica's 45,000 summer visitors. And in the race to the Poles, who reached them first? In the north it was either Frederick Cook in 1908 or Robert Peary in 1909. They were [5] _____ than Roald Amundsen, who arrived in Antarctica in 1911. The Arctic is in fact just a sheet of ice and [6] _____, the less heat gets reflected, so the planet warms. Scientists are very worried about this.

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