

Grammar in Action

A Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives below.

convenient expensive frightening interesting long slow suitable wealthy

- 1 Commuting to London by train is much _____ than taking the car; there is so much traffic on the roads nowadays.
- 2 Admission to the theatre was far _____ than we had anticipated. It cost us a fortune!
- 3 On the day of the premiere, the queue outside the cinema was _____ we had ever seen.
- 4 The football star has become even _____ now that he makes money from appearing in advertisements.
- 5 This is by far _____ lecture I have ever attended; I have learnt so many fascinating things.
- 6 Do you really have an audition for a part in a play? Then in my opinion, this dress is _____ one you have for such an occasion.
- 7 The third scene of the play was _____ of all. I was almost too scared to watch it!
- 8 Unfortunately, the concert tickets were selling _____ than the organisation had anticipated.

B Circle the correct words.

- 1 Maria Callas was one of **the most** / **more** famous opera singers of the twentieth century.
- 2 The watercolour turned out to be **the most** / **far more** expensive than I had imagined.
- 3 The ballet wasn't **as enjoyable** / **more enjoyable** as we had expected.
- 4 Could you please drive a little **more** / **the most** carefully?
- 5 This comedian is not **nearly as funny** / **funnier** as the one at the previous kids' party.
- 6 Hollywood makes **the fewest** / **fewer** musicals nowadays than it did in the past.
- 7 The artist's designs are becoming more and **more** / **the most** popular as time goes by.
- 8 Children used to be able to play outside **much more** / **the most** freely than they do today.

C Choose the correct answers.

- 1 It was ___ entertaining show I'd ever been to.
a the more b the most
- 2 George Clooney is one of ___ popular Hollywood stars.
a the more b the most
- 3 I'm afraid the play was ___ amusing than I had hoped.
a less b the least
- 4 Henrietta studied much ___ than her parents had expected she would as she wanted a place at drama school.
a harder b hardly
- 5 I thought the film director would be very shy, but she was a lot ___ she seemed.
a the most communicative b more communicative than
- 6 Out of all the singers in the musical, Jamie sang ___ of all.
a better than b the best

11 Put the adjectives in brackets into the correct form.



Come and visit one of 1) _____ (historical) countries in the world — Egypt, where the people are 2) _____ (hospitable) than anywhere else. You will see some of 3) _____ (old) and 4) _____ (famous) ancient monuments in the world, as well as modern cities with 5) _____ (good) restaurants in the Middle East. To make travel arrangements 6) _____ (easy), our tour includes guided visits to all of 7) _____ (popular) tourist attractions in Egypt. You will also get the opportunity to go on a cruise down the River Nile — the 8) _____ (long) river in the world! The experience is sure to be 9) _____ (amazing) than anything you've experienced before, as you see first-hand where one of 10) _____ (old) civilisations began. Our company offers tailor-made tours for 11) _____ (small) groups than is usual on a package holiday. We provide accommodation in intimate hotels which offer a 12) _____ (friendly) service than the 13) _____ (large), 14) _____ (impersonal) ones. Even 15) _____ (frequent) traveller will experience something new in this unique country. Book today!

12 Fill in the relevant adverbs in their comparative or superlative forms.

Bicycles look set to become 1) _____ (common) used form of transport in Britain. Not only are bicycles better for the environment than cars, but they allow you to travel 2) _____ (convenient). You can get from point A to point B 3) _____ (quick) than by car, and you can find somewhere to leave your bike much 4) _____ (easy). Many younger people now ride a bike to work because they find it 5) _____ (good) suits their lifestyle and enables them to get around 6) _____ (practical). In addition, they often arrive 7) _____ (early) than their colleagues who drive to work and who have to wait 8) _____ (long) in traffic jams than they do.

13 Choose the correct option.

- 1 She drove **very/even** quickly along the lane.
- 2 "We will give you **further/farther** news as we receive it," the newsreader said.
- 3 Her parents were **more/most** pleased when she won the prize.
- 4 Can't he speak **any/much** louder than that? No one can hear him.
- 5 She plays **very/much** more noisily than any child I've ever met.

14 Choose the correct option.

- 1 Nicole is _____ than the other girls in her class.
A taller C more tall
B tallest D the tallest
- 2 Children learn languages _____ than adults.
A faster C more fastly
B fastest D more faster
- 3 What's _____ route to the stadium?
A shorter C the more short
B the shortest D the most short
- 4 Adam speaks French _____, but I can speak it better.
A well C better
B good D best
- 5 I am _____ about this exam than the last one.
A worried C more worried
B the most worried D most worried
- 6 We do similar jobs, but she earns _____ than I do.
A many C more
B most D much
- 7 His fifth novel was _____ of them all.
A more successful C the more successful
B most successful D the most successful
- 8 Jenny's guests arrived _____ than she expected.
A early C earliest
B earlier D more early
- 9 What's _____ way to get around the city?
A easiest C the easiest
B more easier D the most easy
- 10 I got lost, and to make things _____ worse, it began to rain.
A very C most
B even D any
- 11 This is one of _____ restaurants in town.
A more popular C very popular
B most popular D the most popular

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

- 1 Wouldn't you prefer to get a takeaway rather than have to cook tonight?
SOONER Wouldn't you _____ have to cook tonight?
- 2 If we stay longer, we can spend more time sightseeing.
THE The _____ time we can spend sightseeing.
- 3 I'd rather go home than go to the cinema.
THAN I'd prefer _____ go to the cinema.
- 4 In some countries, men and women are paid the same.
AS In some countries, women _____ men.
- 5 Crisps are not as nutritious as nuts.
LESS Crisps _____ nuts.
- 6 No other job is as well-paid.
BEST It _____ job.
- 7 John and I have received the same number of job offers.
MANY I have received _____ John.
- 8 Last night I felt more tired than ever.
AS I have _____ I did last night.
- 9 Tony finds history easier than geography.
NOT Geography _____ history for Tony.
- 10 As he gets older, he becomes less tolerant.
THE The _____ tolerant he becomes.
- 11 I love going to football matches, but my sister prefers going to tennis tournaments.
WHEREAS I love going to football matches. _____ to tennis tournaments.
- 12 Helen had twice as much work as Janet.
HALF Janet had _____ Helen.
- 13 I like being self-employed. It's better than working for someone else.
TO I prefer _____ for someone else.
- 14 My grandfather is getting less and less patient as he gets older.
IMPATIENT My grandfather is getting _____ as he gets older.