Three Exercises on Modifiers with Comparative Adjectives

Grammar rule: We use **a lot / much / far** for a **big difference**. We use **a bit / a little / slightly** for a **small difference**.

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks

Instruction: Complete the sentences with the correct modifier. Choose from: **much / a lot / far** (big difference) or **a bit / a little / slightly** (small difference).

1. Lord Voldemort is _____ paler than Ralph Fiennes. (big difference)
2. After summer, Tina looks _____ more suntanned. (small difference)
3. My brother is _____ taller than me. He's 1.90 m and I'm 1.65 m. (big difference)
4. This dress is _____ shorter than the blue one, but not too short. (small difference)
5. Angelina Jolie looks _____ friendlier than Maleficent. (big difference)
6. I feel _____ more tired today than yesterday. (small difference)

Exercise 2: Match the sentence halves

Instruction: Match the beginning of each sentence (1-5) with the correct ending (a-e). Pay attention to the meaning of the modifiers.

1. After jogging every day, I am...	a) ...slightly paler than my sister.
2. My dad is very strong. He is...	b) ...a lot more confident than last year.
3. I have fair skin, so I am...	c) ...far more punctual than his colleague.
4. She used to be shy, but now she is...	d) ...a bit thinner than last month.
5. Tom always arrives on time. He is...	e) ...much heavier than me.

Answers: 1 – ___, 2 – ___, 3 – ___, 4 – ___, 5 – ___

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Exercise 3: Choose the correct option

Instruction: Read each sentence and choose the correct modifier. Remember: **a lot / much / far** = big difference; **a bit / a little / slightly** = small difference.

1. My grandmother looks _____ older now than in her wedding photo.
   - a) a little
   - b) much
   - c) slightly
2. After two months of training, I can run _____ faster.
   - a) far
   - b) a bit
   - c) slightly
3. My new phone is _____ better than my old one. It's a huge difference!
   - a) slightly
   - b) a little
   - c) a lot
4. In spring, the days get _____ longer, but you hardly notice it.
   - a) much
   - b) a little
   - c) far
5. Since she started wearing braces, her smile has become _____ more beautiful.
   - a) a bit
   - b) slightly
   - c) much
6. This coffee tastes _____ sweeter than usual. Did you add less sugar?
   - a) slightly
   - b) far
   - c) a lot

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