Comparatives and superlatives

Practice

1 **Fill in each space with a word from the list. You may use the words more than once. The first (0) has been given as an example.**

lot youngest eldest livelier expensive more most (much) than the as better less older

Woof or Miaow?

Cats, as we all know, are ..much.. (0) quieter than dogs and a ..... (1) smaller, so when my wife and I were debating whether to buy our ..... (2) son a pet it seemed ..... (3) sensible to choose a kitten ..... (4) a puppy. Our ..... (5) son, who is now sixteen, had a tortoise when he was little but found it the ..... (6) boring pet on earth. At least a kitten would do ..... (7) interesting things ..... (8) a tortoise.

However, the little spaniel we saw in one shop was, my wife said, ... (9) cutest thing she had ever seen. I didn't argue because, although cats are not ..... (10) noisy as dogs, they are much ..... (11) entertaining. Dogs, they say, are also ..... (12) intelligent. Cats, like tortoises, don't do much: they tend to just sit around all day, looking as enigmatic ..... (13) a sphinx – and just as dull. Dogs are much ..... (14) and we both felt young Edward would learn more from that frisky little spaniel ..... (15) he would from any cat. The ..... (16) Edward grew ..... (17) more difficult it became to keep him occupied and we both felt a dog would be a ..... (18) companion for him from that point of view. Admittedly, cats are ..... (19) demanding and also less ..... (20) to look after but we thought that such a beautiful spaniel was worth it.

*Actions speak **louder than** words.*
*The **best** things in life are free.*
*The **higher** you climb, **the further** you fall.*

2 **Complete the sentences with a comparative or superlative form, adding any words that are needed. You may use some words twice.**

boring warm simple good wonderful lucky intelligent comfortable hot old far difficult cheap bad interesting

1 This exercise is too easy – can't we try a ..... one?
2 England's too cold in the spring – let's go to Spain where it's ..... .
3 She comes top in all the exams – she must be ..... girl in the class.
4 The temperature in July reaches forty-four degrees – it's ..... month of the year.
5 Let's buy this video – it doesn't cost *that* much – it's ..... the other one.
6 This pen's not very good – I'd like a ..... one, please.
7 When I passed my driving test, it was the ..... day of my life.
8 Lying down in bed is ..... sitting on a hard chair.
9 Our youngest son doesn't want to be a teacher unlike his ..... brother.
10 Australia is much ..... from Europe than I thought.
11 I could hardly keep awake – it was ..... film I've ever seen.
12 The rules of this game are too complicated. Can we play something .....?
13 She's ..... person I know – she is always winning prizes in lotteries.
14 A couple of miles is ..... I can walk. Then we'll have to catch the bus.
15 I have a ..... headache today than I did yesterday.
16 This is ..... restaurant in town; I'm never coming here again.
17 I can't do this test – can you give me a ..... one?
18 She was the ..... person at the party and I sat next to her all evening. It was awful!