

### GRAMMAR FOCUS: COMPARATIVE STRUCTURES

#### A. Complete the sentences with a comparative or superlative form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Jack was \_\_\_\_\_ than I thought he'd be. (a lot / nervous)
- 2 I've just seen the \_\_\_\_\_ rock band in the world (crazy)
- 3 The film was \_\_\_\_\_ than I'd expected (a great deal / entertaining)
- 4 Colette is \_\_\_\_\_ dancer in our group (by far / talented)
- 5 I wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ you were. (nearly/good)
- 6 The more we rehearse the play, the \_\_\_\_\_ I feel about it. (good)
- 7 This year we have \_\_\_\_\_ free time than normal. (much/little)
- 8 My singing is \_\_\_\_\_ than yours! (a great deal / bad)

#### B. Put one suitable word in each space.

- 1 My brother is two years older \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 2 The train takes just \_\_\_\_\_ long as the bus.
- 3 I thought the second hotel we stayed in was \_\_\_\_\_ more friendly.
- 4 Unfortunately we are \_\_\_\_\_ rich than we used to be.
- 5 Do you think you could make a \_\_\_\_\_ less noise?
6. These exercises seem to be getting harder and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Jean doesn't need as much help as Harry \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 David didn't enjoy the match as much as I \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. Complete each sentence with the most suitable word or phrase.

- 1 I really think that apologizing is \_\_\_\_\_ you can do.  
**A not as much as      B a little      C the least      D as far as**
- 2 I can't stand this weather. It's getting \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A more and more      B worse and worse      C coldest and coldest      D further and further**
- 3 Although Brenda came last, everyone agreed she had \_\_\_\_\_ her best.  
**A done      B made      C had      D got**
- 4 I wish Charles worked as hard as Mary \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A did      B can      C will      D does**
- 5 The more you water this plant, the \_\_\_\_\_ it will grow.  
**A best      B tall      C wetter      D faster**

6 From now on, we won't be able to go out as much as we \_\_\_\_\_

A were

B had

C used to

D will

7 I've never owned \_\_\_\_\_ independent cat as this one!

A a more than

B such an

C a so

D as much an

8 Brian has been working \_\_\_\_\_ since he was promoted.

A much harder

B as harder

C Just as hardly

D more hardly

9 I've been feeling \_\_\_\_\_ tired lately, doctor.

A such a

B the most

C more and more

D much

10 This exercise will give you \_\_\_\_\_ practice.

A farther

B much more

C as better

D a lot

#### D. Transformations

1 Your car was cheaper than mine. **COST**

Your car \_\_\_\_\_ did

2 I'm not as good at maths as you are. **BETTER**

You \_\_\_\_\_ I am.

3 Keith is slightly taller than Nigel. **LITTLE**

Keith \_\_\_\_\_ Nigel.

4 Bill was growing angrier all the time. **AND**

Bill \_\_\_\_\_ angrier.

5 Sally tried as hard as she could. **DID**

Sally \_\_\_\_\_ best.

6 I thought this film would be better. **AS**

This film \_\_\_\_\_ I expected.

7 This is the bumpiest road I've ever driven along! **SUCH**

I've never \_\_\_\_\_ road.

8 When you eat a lot, you get fat. **MORE**

The. \_\_\_\_\_ you get.