

Review 1

B Choose A, B, C or D to complete the following dialogue.

Jim: Have you made up your mind about where to go on holiday?

Mike: I've narrowed down my choices to two (1) _____ large countries, France and Mexico. What do you think?

Jim: Well, France is one of (2) _____ countries in Europe. Did you know it's twice (3) _____ the UK? Since you've got eight weeks off (4) _____ work, you could go on a cycling tour of the country.

Mike: I'd like to visit (5) _____ Alps and Mont Blanc, which is (6) _____ than any other mountain in Western Europe. I suppose I could also go on long walks in the country, as the climate there is similar (7) _____ that in Britain.

Jim: Really? I think it's (8) _____ warmer. Especially on the Riviera, the Mediterranean in winter is (9) _____ temperature as the British coastal waters are in summer! I can really picture you, tanned and relaxed, tasting delicious local specialities (10) _____ Camembert cheese, frogs' legs and snails!

Mike: Come on, that sounds disgusting!

Jim: Apparently, they taste (11) _____ better than they sound.

Mike: I don't know. I'd rather go to Mexico and eat tortillas and chilli every day!



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| 1 A rather | B most | C far | D too |
| 2 A larger | B largest | C the larger | D the largest |
| 3 A bigger than | B as big as | C so big as | D as bigger than |
| 4 A a | B the | C some | D - |
| 5 A an | B the | C some | D - |
| 6 A higher | B highest | C the higher | D the highest |
| 7 A as | B with | C to | D of |
| 8 A more | B most | C much | D quite |
| 9 A the same | B same | C similar | D the similar |
| 10 A such | B as | C like | D so |
| 11 A pretty | B far | C the | D more |

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Grammar Revision (Adverbs - Comparisons - Articles - Uncountables)

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A Read the text below and complete each blank with one word.

Gianni Versace was one of the (1) _____ successful fashion designers (2) _____ the 1980s and 1990s. He was born in 1946, in Reggio, a (3) _____ small town in Italy, where he learnt how to make clothes. In (4) _____ beginning, he sold his clothes to (5) _____ manufacturer in Milan, but he was not as popular then (6) _____ he was in later years. Very quickly he developed a personal style, which made him famous. He used bright colours and, over time, his clothes became more and (7) _____ extravagant. The more successful his collections were, the (8) _____ his talent was acknowledged. Celebrities (9) _____ Princess Diana and Elton John loved his style. Versace also paid the (10) _____ attention to his surroundings (11) _____ he did to his clothes and spent (12) _____ of money on art and expensive furniture. Versace's fame, however, is just (13) _____ side of this story of style, which ended suddenly with his death (14) _____ the summer of 1997. Some fashion critics have described his clothes (15) _____ "fabulous rubbish" and criticised him for using cheap materials. Nevertheless, he has to be seen as one of the most influential designers of his generation.