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ACTIVITY 1: Read the text. What is a shooting star?

Part 1

On a clear night, you can often see meteors – space rocks – as they fall towards the Earth. Each rock is smaller than an apple, but they look as bright as stars in the night sky, so people call them 'shooting stars'. Larger meteors are much rarer, but their effects are far more spectacular. In 2013, a meteor exploded in the sky above the city of Chelyabinsk in Russia. The explosion was more powerful than the 1945 Hiroshima atomic bomb, but its effect was not as devastating as the bomb because the meteor exploded much further from the ground. Scientists compared the Chelyabinsk meteor to an earlier – and far bigger – explosion: the Tunguska Event.

ACTIVITY 2: Complete the rules with adjectives from the text.

Short adjective	Comparative	Rule
small	1	+ *-er*
large	2	+ *-r*
early	3	*-y* → *-ier*
big	4	double consonant + *-er*
Long adjective	**Comparative**	**Rule**
powerful	5	*more* + adjective
Irregular adjective	**Comparative**	
far	6	(no rules)
good	better	
bad	worse	

ACTIVITY 3: Read the rules for other forms of comparatives:

Some quantifiers have irregular forms.

few → fewer much / many → more a little → less

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(not) as ... as

We use (*not*) *as* ... *as* to compare two things or people.
Not as ... *as* means 'less ... than'.
Jack is twelve. Liam is fourteen. Jack isn't as old as Liam.

As ... *as* means 'equally ...'.
My brother and I both weigh 62 kg. I'm as heavy as my brother.

We usually use the object pronoun (*me, you, he, him, us, them*) after (*not*) *as* ... *as*, not a subject pronoun.
We aren't as rich as them.
She's as excited as me.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Example:

1. My brothers often fight, but Tom is ***much stronger than*** Nathan (Tom / much / strong / Nathan) so he usually wins.

2. Delhi is bigger than Mexico city but _____ (it / not as / large) Tokyo.
3. The Chelyabinsk explosion _____ (much / small) than the Tunguska Event.
4. Occasionally, hail stones can _____(be / big / as) tennis balls!
5. A hurricane _____(much / powerful) an ordinary storm.

ACTIVITY 4: Complete with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Dear Aunt Polly,
I hope you're well. Jake seems [1]_____ (happy) at his new school. It's [2]_____ (small) and [3]_____ (friendly) than his old school. His grades are [4]_____ (good) than last year. He gets [5]_____ (a little) homework but the lessons at school are [6]_____ (difficult), he says. The only bad thing about his new school is that it's [7]_____ (far) from our house. At the moment he cycles there, but he's planning to go by bus when the weather gets [8]_____ (cold) and [9]_____ (wet).
I'm working hard for my exams but I'm not enjoying it. It's always [10]_____ (bad) at the weekend because I want to go out!
Write soon.
Eva

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