

## GRAMMAR: Comparatives and superlatives, *as ... as*

1 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

the best of as good as less difficult  
the most difficult by far the best  
the least difficult one of the best  
as difficult as

- 1 Louis is \_\_\_\_\_ soccer player on our team.
- 2 Clara was \_\_\_\_\_ pianists I had ever heard.
- 3 Saying goodbye to my parents was \_\_\_\_\_ thing I've ever done.
- 4 After I gave up sugar, losing weight wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ I thought it would be.
- 5 Kari is really stressed out. She needs to find a \_\_\_\_\_ job.
- 6 Pilar, Rafaelle, and Maya are all good at math, but Maya is \_\_\_\_\_ the three.
- 7 Neil's new, so we're giving him \_\_\_\_\_ work to begin with.
- 8 I don't think this restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ it used to be.

2 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box. Add any other words necessary.

hot bad angry expensive easy  
late far beautiful

- 1 I failed my French exam but I passed Spanish. I find Spanish far \_\_\_\_\_ French.
- 2 It takes me ten minutes to bike home, but it takes Aidan 20 minutes because he lives \_\_\_\_\_ away than me.
- 3 We stay inside around lunchtime because it is \_\_\_\_\_ part of the day.
- 4 I didn't stay up \_\_\_\_\_ as my friends because I had to get up early.
- 5 The Taj Mahal is \_\_\_\_\_ building I have ever seen.
- 6 When we tried to apologize, Sara seemed to get even \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 We had very little money, so we bought \_\_\_\_\_ computer in the store.
- 8 I thought his last novel was bad, but this one is even \_\_\_\_\_ than that.

## VOCABULARY: Describing homes

3 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Sophia has three sofas in her *basic* / *spacious* / *cozy* living room.
- 2 Tom's kitchen is really *old-fashioned* / *stylish* / *modern* – he certainly doesn't have a dishwasher!
- 3 It's a two-minute walk to the supermarket, so that's very *comfortable* / *convenient* / *basic*.
- 4 They have a *bright* / *convenient* / *huge* garden that takes up a lot of their time.
- 5 There's a shower but no bathtub because my bathroom is so *tiny* / *cozy* / *old-fashioned*.
- 6 This room will look more *basic* / *spacious* / *cozy* with some rugs.
- 7 Lou's bedroom only has a closet and a bed, so it's pretty *basic* / *stylish* / *bright*.
- 8 Her kitchen's *stylish* / *dark* / *cozy* with that big tree outside.

4 Complete the words.

- 1 My apartment's on the \_\_\_\_\_ p floor and has a great view.
- 2 Furniture we didn't use was stored down in the b\_\_\_\_\_ t.
- 3 I live in the s\_\_\_\_\_ s because it's cheaper than downtown.
- 4 There is just one shopping m\_\_\_\_\_ in the small town where I live.
- 5 Grandma has a f\_\_\_\_\_ floor apartment without stairs.
- 6 Does this t\_\_\_\_\_ n have a library and a post office?
- 7 My bedroom has a b\_\_\_\_\_ y outside that I often sit on.
- 8 In the summer, do you often eat out on the roof t\_\_\_\_\_ e?
- 9 Max lives on the sixteenth floor of an a\_\_\_\_\_ t building.
- 10 They had been to the c\_\_\_\_\_ y, walking among the trees and fields.

## PRONUNCIATION: /ə/ sound

5  4.5 Listen to the sentences. Do the underlined words contain the /ə/ sound? Write ✓ or X.

- 1 My sister's not as tall as me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Dan is by far the best tennis player I know. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 It's a bit cooler today than yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Gabi is better than me at ballet. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I'd like to get a bigger apartment. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 This is the longest of all the books. \_\_\_\_\_