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Grammar

Comparison

I can make comparisons.

1 Complete the table with the comparative forms.

Adjective	Comparative
Short adjectives	
tall	1
large	2
hot	3
early	4
Long adjectives	
powerful	5
spectacular	6
Irregular adjectives	
good	7
bad	8
far	9
Quantifiers	
few	10
much / many	11
little	12

2 Complete the fact file. Use the comparative form of the words in brackets.

FACT FILE: COMETS AND ASTEROIDS

asteroid

comet

- Comets are made of ice and pieces of rock. Asteroids are made of rock and metal, and are ¹ _____ (heavy).
- Most comets are much ² _____ (big) than most asteroids.
- You can find asteroids ³ _____ (close) to the sun than comets. If comets get too close to the sun, they melt. So you can only find comets much ⁴ _____ (far) from the sun, where it is ⁵ _____ (cold) and ice doesn't melt.
- Comets are ⁶ _____ (bright) than asteroids because they have long, white tails.
- Comets are ⁷ _____ (rare) than asteroids. There are hundreds of millions of asteroids in our solar system, but far ⁸ _____ (few) comets – only about 4,000. For this reason, asteroids are ⁹ _____ (dangerous), as one of them is ¹⁰ _____ (likely) to hit the Earth.

3 Compare the weather in the two cities. Write sentences with *as ... as* and *not as ... as*.

London	Edinburgh
	
15°C	15°C
	

- Edinburgh isn't as sunny as London. (sunny)
- _____ (warm)
- _____ (cloudy)
- _____ (bright)
- _____ (wet)
- _____ (windy)
- _____ (dry)

4 Complete the sentences with *as*, *more*, *much* or *than*.

- Mist isn't as thick _____ fog.
- The weather today is _____ wetter _____ yesterday.
- 'Is a hurricane _____ powerful than a thunderstorm?' 'Yes, it's _____ stronger.'
- The moon isn't _____ bright _____ the sun.
- Are hurricanes more dangerous _____ tornadoes?
- 'I think maths is much _____ interesting _____ geography.'
- 'Do you? I don't think it's _____ interesting as geography, but it's _____ more useful.'