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Complete the following exercises.

GRAMMAR

1 Read sentences a–c from the article. Match them to 1–3 in the **GRAMMAR PANEL**.

- a Many believe he is the finest sprinter the world has ever seen.
- b The more determined and motivated you are, the more successful you will be.
- c Ochoa spent hours practicing to become more and more accurate.

MAKING COMPARISONS

Comparatives with *and*

We link two comparatives with *and* to show that something becomes progressively greater in quality or quantity:

(1)

We use *more and more...* / *less and less...* or *-(i)er and -(i)er*:

more and more difficult / *less and less energetic* / *happier and happier*

Comparatives with *the... the...*

We use *the* + two comparatives with *more/less* or *-(i)er* to show that the second part of the sentence is the result of the first:

(2)

Superlative + present perfect

We use the superlative + present perfect to compare a person/event to our experience up to now:

(3)

- 2 Complete the text. Use the correct form of the adjectives in parentheses where given.

Boxer **JOE WALCOTT** was born in British Guyana in 1873. Some experts say he

was ⁽¹⁾ (*great*) fighter of his weight that the boxing ring ⁽²⁾ ever known.

Walcott coined the phrase, "The

⁽³⁾ (*big*) they are,

⁽⁴⁾ (*hard*)

they fall." Despite his short stature he went on to beat

⁽⁵⁾ and (*large*)

opponents, whose punches usually landed on his shoulders.

Between 1901 and 1904 he became ⁽⁶⁾ and

..... (*powerful*), until he accidentally shot

himself in the hand. ⁽⁷⁾ (*weak*) his hand

got, the ⁽⁸⁾ (*successful*) he became, until

he finally retired from boxing in 1911.

