

Adjectives and adverbs

MODULE

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Before you start

- 1 Read the information on the website. Look at the **highlighted** grammar examples.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'www.myfriends.net'. The website header includes navigation links: Home, Browse, Find people, Forums, Music, Video, More, Log in, and Sign up. The main content area features a large photo of four cyclists riding on a path. Below the photo, there is a section titled 'my hobbies and interests' with the following text: 'I love sport, especially cycling. On Saturdays I sometimes go to the market to buy new sports clothes – it's **cheaper** than the shops in town – those fashionable shops are **too expensive** for me! On Sundays I go cycling with my friends. I think it's a **brilliant hobby**. It's a good way to get healthy and it isn't as expensive as going to a gym. There's some beautiful countryside outside my town and we **usually go** there. There are a lot of hills and it's **really exciting** when you cycle down them! My friend Zak is **younger than me**, but he cycles **well**. In fact he's **the fastest** cyclist in our group.'

- 2 Now read the sentences. Choose the correct words in *italics*. The **highlighted** grammar examples will help you.

- 1 I love diving; I think it's a *sport fantastic / fantastic sport*.
- 2 Life under the sea is very *interesting / interested*.
- 3 You have to swim *good / well* to be a successful diver.
- 4 I *swim often / often swim* when I'm on holiday.
- 5 My sister likes diving. She's only fourteen, so I'm older than *her / she*.
- 6 Diving in the sea is *more good / better* than diving in a swimming pool.
- 7 The North Sea is the *most cold / coldest* place in England to swim.
- 8 The Mediterranean isn't as *cold / colder* as the North Sea.
- 9 My grandfather was a good diver but now he's *too much old / too old* to dive.
- 10 I like diving because it's *really / a lot* exciting.

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- 3 Check your answers below. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.

1 fantastic sport 2 interesting 3 well 4 often swim
5 her 6 better 7 coldest 8 cold 9 too old 10 really

Practice

1 Write adjectives from the box under the pictures. Use two adjectives for each description.

Chinese cotton friendly fur old red Russian wooden



0 an old wooden chair 1 a shirt 2 a hat 3 a student

2 Use the words below to write sentences. **2.53** Listen and check.

- 0 long boring book / (be) This book is long and boring.
 1 beautiful suit / (look)
 2 delicious salad / (taste)
 3 interesting film / (look)
 4 soft pullover / (feel)
 5 new exciting project / (be)
 6 small dark apartment / (seem)

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the text with the words in brackets (). **2.54** Listen and check.

In a recent questionnaire 60% of people said shopping was their
 (0) ...favourite hobby... (hobby, favourite). They preferred it to going to
 restaurants, playing sport or visiting friends. One reason may be the
 (1) (huge, number) of shopping centres which are now open.
 With (2) (parking, free) and long opening hours, shopping
 at these places (3) (easy, seems, enjoyable, and).
 But 20% of people say they buy things on the Internet at least once a month.
 The most popular things are (4) (electronic, products) such
 as DVD players and digital TVs. The Internet never closes, so shopping this way
 (5) (convenient, is) for people who work long hours.

4 **GRAMMAR IN USE** There are six more mistakes in the advertisement. Find and correct them.

Cheap prices

Carleon Discount Stores

PRICES ~~CHEAP!~~ summer sale

Buy some new clothes and you will fantastic look!

• black and wool suits £20!
• cotton white T-shirts £1.50!

• leather Italian shoes £25!
• Americans jeans £10!

OPEN FROM 9 A.M. – 10 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

And parking at our store free is!

Practice

1 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics*. 2.55 Listen and check.

- ANNA How was the football match?
 PEDRO Fantastic. It was really (0) *excited* / *exciting*. We won!
 ANNA Really?
 PEDRO You seem (1) *surprised* / *surprising*!
 ANNA Well, yes. I am a bit. Anyway, I'm (2) *pleased* / *pleasing* you won.
 PEDRO What about you? How was your day?
 ANNA Oh, it was (3) *bored* / *boring*. I spent all day working on the new website.
 PEDRO But yesterday you said it was (4) *interested* / *interesting*!
 ANNA I know. But now I feel (5) *bored* / *boring* with it.
 PEDRO Well, I'm quite (6) *tired* / *tiring* now, I don't feel like cooking.
 Shall we order a pizza or something? And watch *Dracula* on TV?
 ANNA Oh, no! I feel (7) *frightening* / *frightened* when I watch that kind of film.

2 Write adjectives from the box under the pictures.

excited / exciting frightened / frightening pleased / pleasing surprised / surprising tired / tiring



0 He feels *tired*.



1 They are



2 The letter has some news.



3 It was a very film.



4 The race was



5 She's

3 GRAMMAR IN USE There are three more mistakes in the email. Find and correct them.

2.56 Listen and check.

Subject Don't miss this!

I've just seen a brilliant film – *The Hostel*. Well, you know me, I love horror films! I think it's the most *frightening* ~~frightened~~ film I've ever seen. There was a huge queue, we had to wait for twenty-five minutes to get into the cinema – very boring! But it was worth it. In the middle of the movie my friend Jake screamed! And the end is really surprised. But I won't tell you about it! By the way, how was your trip to Durham? Was it interested? I'm getting very excited about your visit here next month. I can't wait! And Janice is very pleasing because she hasn't seen you for a long time ...

Practice

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct words and phrases from the box. 2.57 Listen and check.

always at the end carefully early fast in a friendly way
in the bedroom ~~last week~~ never right ~~slowly~~ upstairs

- 0 My grandmother fell over *last week* She hurt her leg so now she can only walk *slowly*
- 1 I always get up so I am late for work.
- 2 Remember to answer the questions and stop writing of the test.
- 3 I went with the electrician and we looked at the broken light
- 4 Our teacher is nice; she talks to us
- 5 Go to the end of the road and turn at the traffic lights. If you walk, you'll get there in about five minutes.

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the story using a form of the words in brackets (). Be careful, one of the words you need is not an adverb.

When he was a small boy, Zack loved cars. So, as soon as he was seventeen, he began taking driving lessons. He learned (0) ... *quickly* ... (quick) and became a (1) (good) driver. After ten lessons he took his driving test. During the test he drove (2) (perfect) and he passed it (3) (easy). Zack's parents were very pleased and decided to buy him a car. Zack always drove (4) (good) and he usually drove (5) (slow). But Zack had a problem. He always woke up (6) (late) in the mornings. He hated being late for college. Now he had a car, Zack was sure he was (7) (never) going to be late for college again. But, of course, the very first day he had his new car Zack was late again. So he got up (8) (quick), rushed to his car and drove to college very (9) (fast). But there was a police car on the road and the police officer stopped him for driving (10) (bad). As a result, he lost his driving licence just one week after passing his test!

3 Change the adjectives to adverbs and write the sentences again. 2.58 Listen and check.

- 0 Clare is a slow driver. *Clare drives slowly.*
- 1 Michael is a hard worker.
- 2 My parents are frequent travellers.
- 3 Denise is a fast runner.
- 4 Antonio is a skilful painter.
- 5 My aunt is a quiet speaker.
- 6 Emelda and Maureen are brilliant cooks.

4 Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

- 0 I ... *never drive* ... fast. 2 I badly. 4 I can easily.
- 1 I well. 3 I late.

Practice

1 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics* in the text. 2.59 Listen and check.

In my free time I like playing sports and using the Internet. I (0) *play often* / (*often play*) tennis at the weekend and I (1) *sometimes play* / *play sometimes* football on Tuesday evenings. My team (2) *wins never* / *never wins* and I don't (3) *play well* / *well play*, but I enjoy it very much. I think I use the Internet every day – my computer (4) *is always* / *always is on*! I like websites like YouTube and Facebook. I can (5) *type quickly* / *quickly type* so it is easy for me to send lots of emails to my friends. I also like music. My Internet connection is really fast so I can download (6) *easily songs* / *songs easily*. Then I can listen to them on my iPod.

2 Look at the information about watching TV. Complete the sentences below.

	HOW OFTEN DO YOU WATCH TV?				WHEN?	
	sometimes	every day	once a week	never	in the evenings	at the weekends
Cilla			✓			
David				✓		
Marion		✓				
Eduardo			✓			
Monty	✓					
Caroline						✓
Max					✓	

- 0 Cilla and Eduardo *watch TV once a week*. 3 Monty
- 1 David 4 Caroline
- 2 Marion 5 Max

3 Put the adverbs in brackets () in the correct position in each sentence.

2.60 Listen and check.

- 0 I ^{often} watch TV in the evenings. (often) 6 I have been to Australia. (never)
- 1 Does your best friend speak Spanish? (perfectly) 7 She was frightened so she opened the door. (slowly)
- 2 We go to the beach in the summer. (usually) 8 My family has lived on a farm. (always)
- 3 Hilary is late. (always) 9 I talk when I'm excited. (loudly)
- 4 Where do you go? (at the weekends) 10 You should go to the dentist. (every six months)
- 5 When I play football I feel really happy. (well)

4 Write true sentences about the hobbies in brackets (). Use an adverb in each sentence.

- 0 I *never play football* (play football)
- 1 I (sing songs I like)
- 2 I (read magazines)
- 3 I (play computer games)
- 4 I (write stories)
- 5 I (go to the cinema)
- 6 I (cook meals for friends)

Practice

- 1 Use the information to complete the sentences.
Use the comparative form of an adjective from the box.

0 AVERAGE
TEMPERATURE
IN JULY
London 17°C
Madrid 25°C

1 hotels4you.com
Cost of a one night stay in a
double room with shower:
THE REGAL HOTEL \$350.00
THE PARK HOTEL \$85.00

2 In a recent survey British
people chose their favourite
drink – 56% voted for coffee
and 44% voted for tea.

3 Airport to central London
Heathrow 24km
Gatwick 45km

4 LENGTH OF CAR
Toyota Auris 4.22m
Toyota Prius 4.45m

5 FANTASTIC PRICES
FOR PAINTINGS!
'Sunflowers' by Van Gogh sold
for \$40 million and 'Nymphaeas'
by Monet sold for \$37 million.

near expensive ~~warm~~ valuable long popular

- 0 Madrid *is warmer than* London.
1 The Regal Hotel
2 In the UK, coffee
3 Heathrow Airport central London Gatwick Airport.
4 The Toyota Prius
5 *Sunflowers* by Van Gogh

- 2 Choose the correct words in *italics*. 2.61 Listen and check.

- 0 My brother is taller than *I am* / *me am*.
1 I'm eighteen but my best friend is younger than *me* / *I* – she's seventeen.
2 Do you like Lucy? I think Mariela is nicer than *she* / *her*.
3 I don't like horror films; I think action films are more interesting than *them* / *they*.
4 Our neighbours are richer than *us* / *we*.
5 My uncle is forty-five but my aunt is older than *he is* / *him is*. She's forty-seven.

- 3 Write the sentences again so they are true. Use a different comparative adjective.

2.62 Listen and check.

- 0 It's warmer in London than Madrid.
It's colder in London than Madrid.
1 The mobile phone is a newer invention than the iPod.
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2 A car is faster than a jet plane.
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3 Five-star hotels are cheaper than four-star hotels.
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4 The Pacific Ocean is smaller than the Atlantic Ocean.
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5 It's wetter in the summer than the winter.
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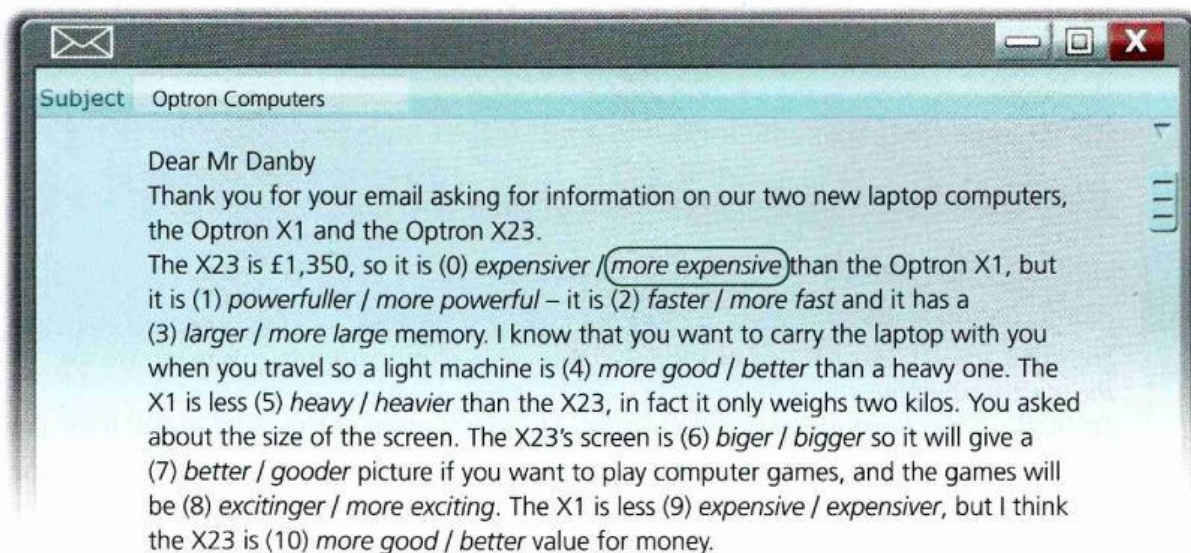
Practice

- 1 GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the conversation with the correct words and phrases from the box. **2.63** Listen and check.

better easier further more expensive nicer worse

- A Where shall we eat tonight? The Indian restaurant?
 B No, I think the Chinese place is (0) *better*.
 A I'm not sure. It's (1) and I haven't got much money.
 B Well, we can try the Italian place. It isn't expensive, and it's very nice.
 A Yes, I know it's nice, but the Indian restaurant is (2)
 B But it's not very close to us. It's (3) than the Italian restaurant – on the other side of town. What about the burger place near the library?
 A Oh, no. That place is terrible. It's (4) than the others in every way!
 B It's really difficult to decide! I know – let's stay at home and phone for a pizza.
 A Great. That's (5) than going out. We can eat in front of the TV and watch a DVD.

- 2 GRAMMAR IN USE** Choose the correct words in *italics* in the email.



Subject: Optron Computers

Dear Mr Danby

Thank you for your email asking for information on our two new laptop computers, the Optron X1 and the Optron X23.

The X23 is £1,350, so it is (0) *expensiver* / *more expensive* than the Optron X1, but it is (1) *powerfuller* / *more powerful* – it is (2) *faster* / *more fast* and it has a (3) *larger* / *more large* memory. I know that you want to carry the laptop with you when you travel so a light machine is (4) *more good* / *better* than a heavy one. The X1 is less (5) *heavy* / *heavier* than the X23, in fact it only weighs two kilos. You asked about the size of the screen. The X23's screen is (6) *biger* / *bigger* so it will give a (7) *better* / *gooder* picture if you want to play computer games, and the games will be (8) *excitinger* / *more exciting*. The X1 is less (9) *expensive* / *expensiver*, but I think the X23 is (10) *more good* / *better* value for money.

- 3 Find the grammar mistakes in each sentence and correct them.** **2.64** Listen and check.

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|---|-------------|
| 0 New York is bigger of Rome. | <i>than</i> |
| 1 The River Nile is more long than the River Thames. | |
| 2 Meat is less healthier than vegetables. | |
| 3 Which is more worse – cold weather or rainy weather? | |
| 4 Leather shoes are more good than plastic shoes. | |
| 5 It's more warmer in Spain than in England. | |
| 6 Life in the countryside is less excitinger than life in the city. | |
| 7 People say TV programmes are badder than they used to be. | |
| 8 I think Sally is more nicer than her husband. | |
| 9 Which is more far from London – Moscow or New York? | |
| 10 Harry took some medicine so he feels weller now. | |