

**ANH 6. BDHSG**

**GRAMMAR: TOPIC 4: COMPARISONS**

**I/ SHORT ADJECTIVES/ADVERBS AND LONG ONES**

**II/ TYPES OF COMPARISONS**

- 1. Equal**
- 2. Comparatives**
- 3. Superlatives**

**PRACTICE**

## I/ ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

3 Turn the following adjectives into adverbs.

- |                                    |                |                 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 loud - ..... <i>loudly</i> ..... | 4 fast - ..... | 7 quick - ..... |
| 2 good - .....                     | 5 easy - ..... | 8 noisy - ..... |
| 3 careful - .....                  | 6 hard - ..... | 9 happy - ..... |

4 Complete the sentences. Use the phrases from the box below.

~~his car~~ slowly  
the guitar badly

French very well  
animals beautifully

happily together  
his food fast

- |                                                |                              |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Tim drives ..... <i>his car slowly</i> ..... | 4 Khalid speaks .....        |
| 2 Nadia plays .....                            | 5 Emma draws .....           |
| 3 Ivan usually eats .....                      | 6 Anna and Carlos live ..... |

5 Rewrite the sentences as in the example:

- |                                                         |                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1 She is a good dancer.<br>She <i>dances well</i> ..... | 3 Kelly is a hard worker.<br>Kelly .....      |
| 2 You are a quick learner.<br>You .....                 | 4 Janet is a beautiful singer.<br>Janet ..... |

6 Alex is at a summer camp. He wants to find some excuses to return home.  
Complete his letter.

Dear Mum,

Life here is great. All the children behave very 1) ..... *well* ..... (**good**). Some girls talk very 2) ..... (**polite**) to me. I share a room with a girl called Anna. She is very kind and she says that I sing 3) ..... (**beautiful**)! Mrs Norris, the bus driver, drives very 4) ..... (**careful**).

I'm having a good time here. See you soon.

Love,

Alex

**4 Underline the correct item.**

- 1 He left the room **quiet** / **quietly**.
- 2 Jane works **hard** / **hardly**.
- 3 He's a very **nice** / **nicely** man.
- 4 The sun is shining **bright** / **brightly**.
- 5 She behaves very **good** / **well**.
- 6 He always dresses **smart** / **smartly**.
- 7 He shouted **angry** / **angrily** at me.
- 8 You drive very **slow** / **slowly**.

**6 Underline the correct item. Then match the beginnings to the endings.**

1 ☐ C Jackie was 1) **slow** / **slowly** walking home after a long day at work when 2) **sudden** / **suddenly** a poster caught her attention. It was a very 3) **beautiful** / **beautifully** girl. She looked at the poster 4) **careful** / **carefully** one more time. That was Amy!

2 ☐ Mark loves driving his 1) **expensive** / **expensively** new sports car. 2) **Unfortunate** / **Unfortunately**, he also loves driving fast. On that cold winter night, the weather was really 3) **bad** / **badly** but Mark didn't care. And then he saw the big van in front of him.

3 ☐ Jennifer was smiling 1) **proud** / **proudly** as she arrived at the church. She looked perfect in her 2) **simple** / **simply** white dress as she walked 3) **slow** / **slowly** towards John.

a Later that night, Mark was in hospital but he felt 1) **lucky** / **luckily** he was alive. He decided never to drive so 2) **careless** / **carelessly** again.

b When the service finished, the 1) **pretty** / **prettily** couple ran 2) **quick** / **quickly** into the car waiting for them outside. A new life was in front of them!

c Jackie looked at Amy and smiled 1) **happy** / **happily**. She then said to her 2) **soft** / **softly**: "Congratulations, Amy!"

2 Put the words from the list below into the correct column.

|         |        |         |            |       |         |
|---------|--------|---------|------------|-------|---------|
| bad     | early  | quick   | tidy       | hard  | monthly |
| fast    | easily | quietly | carelessly | late  | careful |
| angrily | noisy  | daily   | slowly     | large | happily |

| Adjectives | Adverbs      | Adjectives & Adverbs |
|------------|--------------|----------------------|
| bad.....   | angrily..... | fast.....            |
| .....      | .....        | .....                |
| .....      | .....        | .....                |
| .....      | .....        | .....                |
| .....      | .....        | .....                |

3  Put the adverbs from the list below into the correct column.  
Listen and check.

|           |           |            |           |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| easily    | here      | often      | happily   |
| always    | last year | there      | carefully |
| yesterday | now       | away       | seldom    |
| on Sunday | usually   | everywhere | badly     |

| How<br>(adverbs of manner) | Where<br>(adverbs of place) | When<br>(adverbs of time) | How often<br>(adverbs of frequency) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| easily.....                | .....                       | .....                     | .....                               |
| .....                      | .....                       | .....                     | .....                               |
| .....                      | .....                       | .....                     | .....                               |
| .....                      | .....                       | .....                     | .....                               |
| .....                      | .....                       | .....                     | .....                               |

## II/ ORDER OF ADJECTIVES

Hi Susan!

How was your birthday? Mine was great! We had a fancy dress party this year and I invited all my close friends. I wore a  1) .... *funny orange* ... (funny/orange) clown suit and  2) ..... (green/curly) hair. Everyone laughed as I walked around the room with my  3) ..... (red/plastic/huge) shoes.

All my friends looked great too! My best friend Diane amazed us all with her fairy costume.

She wore  4) ..... (silver/shiny) wings and carried a  5) ..... (long/plastic) wand.

The party was a lot of fun. We listened to  6) ..... (new/cool) CDs and ate lovely desserts. Mum made  7) ..... (tasty/crunchy) toffee apples and  8) .....

(traditional/delicious) fairy cakes. We ended the night with a best costume contest and, to my surprise, I won!

I will send you some photos very soon.

### 5 Put the adjectives in the right order.

- 1 a new / woollen / red / smart / hat *a smart, new, red, woollen hat* .....
- 2 a(n) modern / luxurious / Italian / car .....
- 3 two / long / blue / beautiful / dresses .....
- 4 a gold / tiny / round / Russian / coin .....
- 5 a plastic / blue / little / spoon .....

**6 Put the adjectives in the correct order.**

- 1 a(n) Asian / little / pretty girl *a pretty, little, Asian girl*
- 2 a(n) wedding / expensive / white / dress
- 3 a detective / new / brilliant / French / film
- 4 a(n) Greek / ancient / fascinating / monument
- 5 a(n) pair of / black / walking / old / shoes
- 6 a red and white / lovely / Turkish / chess set

**8 Rewrite the sentences in the correct order.**

- 1 he / went / in the morning / to school / by bicycle *He went to school by bicycle in the morning.*
- 2 at breakfast / I / drink milk / always
- 3 goes to work / by bus / never / Diego
- 4 at school / yesterday / hard / I worked
- 5 his books / often / forgets / Tom
- 6 home / last night / they went / on foot
- 7 for an hour / in the queue / patiently / he waited
- 8 he goes / often / abroad / on business

**5 Underline the correct item.**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 The arrow flew <u>wide</u> / widely of the target.                    | 12 The rooms were <u>pretty</u> / prettily furnished.                                        |
| 2 Computers are <u>wide</u> / widely used in schools.                   | 13 He tries very <u>hard</u> / hardly to make her happy.                                     |
| 3 Students can enter the museum <u>free</u> / freely on Saturdays.      | 14 Jim <u>hard</u> / hardly goes out these days.                                             |
| 4 He <u>free</u> / freely admitted that he was guilty.                  | 15 Tommy came <u>last</u> / lastly in the 100m sprint.                                       |
| 5 I like sitting <u>near</u> / nearly the fire.                         | 16 <u>Last</u> / Lastly, I would like to thank the chef for providing such a delicious meal. |
| 6 Be careful! You <u>near</u> / nearly hit the window.                  | 17 Mr Tibbs isn't in at the moment but he'll be here <u>short</u> / shortly.                 |
| 7 She left too <u>late</u> / lately to catch the train.                 | 18 The woman stopped <u>short</u> / shortly when she saw the robber.                         |
| 8 Have you seen any good films <u>late</u> / lately?                    | 19 The eagle was flying <u>high</u> / highly in the sky.                                     |
| 9 She loved her brother <u>deep</u> / deeply.                           | 20 My father is a <u>high</u> / highly respected surgeon.                                    |
| 10 To find water, they had to dig <u>deep</u> / deeply into the ground. |                                                                                              |
| 11 I think he's a <u>pretty</u> / prettily good singer, actually.       |                                                                                              |

### III/ COMPARISONS

9 Complete the table.

| Adjectives  | Comparative         | Superlative              |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| small       | ..... smaller ..... | ..... the smallest ..... |
| .....       | better              | .....                    |
| loud        | .....               | .....                    |
| .....       | higher              | .....                    |
| intelligent | .....               | .....                    |
| big         | .....               | .....                    |
| .....       | more helpful        | .....                    |
| .....       | .....               | the fastest              |

Now complete the sentences with adjectives from the table.

- I can't reach the vase. Why did Dad put it on ..... the highest ..... shelf?
- This is ..... essay I've ever written.
- Steve's voice is ..... than Tim's.
- Judy is ..... than Ben. After all she's a straight-A student.
- Asia is ..... than Africa.
- The cheetah is ..... animal in the world.

- 10 Use the adverbs in the list in the correct form to complete the sentences. Add any necessary words.**

fast  
well

formally  
wonderfully

early  
carefully

- 1 This is ..... *the most wonderfully* ..... written book I've ever read.
- 2 David cooks ..... his wife.
- 3 Sam drives ..... all my friends. He always pays attention to the road signs.
- 4 Susan is ..... dressed ..... Joanna.
- 5 Chloe arrived ..... the other students.
- 6 Klaus ran ..... and won the race.

- 15 Put the adjectives / adverbs in brackets into the comparative or superlative form, adding any necessary words.**

- 1 A: I like Geometry more than Algebra. What about you?  
B: Actually, I find Algebra much ... *more interesting* ... (interesting).
- 2 A: What did you think of the Chemistry exam, Peter?  
B: Well, it was ..... (difficult) exam we've had so far.
- 3 A: Were the tickets for the concert expensive?  
B: No, I got seats in the back row. They were ..... (cheap) I could find.
- 4 A: Your work isn't very good, Elisha. I'm sure you can do ..... (well).  
B: I promise I'll try ..... (hard).
- 5 A: Thank you for your help.  
B: My pleasure. For ..... (far) information, contact the school.
- 6 A: Do you prefer the brown jacket?  
B: Yes, but it is much ..... (expensive) the grey one.
- 7 A: We can't hear you. Could you speak ..... (loudly), please?  
B: Yes. of course.

**16 Put the adjectives / adverbs in brackets into the comparative or superlative form, adding any necessary words.**

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| <p>1 A: Melanie got straight As again this term.<br/>B: It doesn't surprise me. She's <u>the most hard-working</u> (hard-working) student of all.</p> <p>2 A: How was your holiday in the Caribbean?<br/>B: It was ..... (relaxing) trip I've ever taken.</p> <p>3 A: I have to leave now. It's getting late.<br/>B: Don't go yet. Stay a bit ..... (long).</p> <p>4 A: Thanks for helping me clean up after the party.<br/>B: Don't mention it. It's ..... (little) we could do.</p> <p>5 A: How much ..... (far) is it to the airport?<br/>B: About five minutes. Don't worry. We'll get there soon.</p> <p>6 A: What did you think of Bob's speech?<br/>B: It was OK, but Mary's was much ..... (interesting).</p> <p>7 A: This place is too noisy. Can we go somewhere ..... (quiet)?<br/>B: Yes, of course.</p> | <p>8 A: Did you have a nice time yesterday?<br/>B: Yes. The party was great. I stayed far ..... (long) than I was expecting to.</p> <p>9 A: Do you like my homemade vegetarian lasagne?<br/>B: Yes, it's ..... (good) lasagne I've ever tasted.</p> <p>10 A: Did you enjoy Doug Thomson's new adventure film?<br/>B: Yes, but his last film was much ..... (exciting).</p> <p>11 A: How do you like our new sofa?<br/>B: I love it. It's ..... (comfortable) than your last one.</p> <p>12 A: The Maths test was quite easy.<br/>B: I know. It was a lot ..... (easy) than I thought it would be.</p> <p>13 A: Did you enjoy the Dragon roller coaster ride?<br/>B: Absolutely not! It was ..... (frightening) ride I've ever been on.</p> <p>14 A: I think I'd prefer the brown dress.<br/>B: I know but this one is ..... (cheap).</p> |
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**17 Complete the sentences using *the* + comparative as in the example:**

- 1 The wind blew hard. The kite flew high in the sky.  
..... The harder ..... the wind blew, ..... the higher ..... the kite flew.
- 2 It got dark. I became frightened.  
..... it got, ..... I became.
- 3 We worked hard. We became very successful.  
..... we worked, ..... we became.
- 4 The boys got noisy. Their father became angry.  
..... the boys got, ..... their father became.

**17 Put the *adjectives* / *adverbs* in brackets into the correct form.**

- Travelling by car is far ... *more expensive* ...  
(**expensive**) than travelling by bus.
- The Yangtze River Dolphin is one of .....  
..... (**rare**) mammals in the world.
- Recycling is very .....  
(**important**) to help protect the environment.
- I can't understand you. Can you please slow  
down and speak ..... (**clear**)?
- Dolphins are actually .....  
(**smart**) than chimpanzees.
- The *Mona Lisa* is .....  
(**valuable**) painting in the world.
- It is ..... (**difficult**) to find  
work in the countryside than in the city.
- Jill was tired last night, so she went to bed  
..... (**early**) than usual.

**18 Complete the questions with the correct *comparative* / *superlative* form of the words in brackets, and then choose the correct answer.**

- Which is ... *the biggest* ... (**big**) country in  
the world?  
A Canada                      **(B)** Russia
- Which planet is ..... (**close**)  
to the Sun?  
A Mercury                      B Earth
- When did ..... (**strong**) earthquake  
hit Chile?  
A 1960                          B 1990
- Which animal is ..... (**dangerous**)  
than the elephant?  
A polar bear                      B lion
- What are becoming more and .....  
(**popular**) these days?  
A online games                  B comic books
- Which is ..... (**high**) mountain  
in Europe?  
A Mount Blanc                  B Mount Elbrus
- What is one of ..... (**serious**)  
problems we face today?  
A heavy traffic                  B climate change
- In which city do we find .....  
(**tall**) building ever made?  
A Dubai                          B Taipei

**19 Choose the correct answer.**

- He is by far ..... tennis player I've ever seen.  
A bad                  B worse                  **(C) the worst**
- Your short story wasn't that creative. I'm sure  
you can do .....  
A better                  B the best                  C well
- That green outfit is ..... trendy of all.  
A the least                  B the less                  C little
- The more you learn, the ..... you'll become.  
A smart                  B smarter                  C the smartest
- Frank's car is parked further away from here  
..... mine.  
A of                          B from                          C than
- Yesterday wasn't ..... it is today.  
A as cold as                  B as cold                  C colder than
- Sarah is ..... responsible than Wendy.  
A more                  B much                  C the most
- It is ..... in the city than it is in the village.  
A noisy                  B more noise                  C noisier
- I don't have ..... idea what you're talking  
about.  
A slight                  B slighter than                  C the slightest
- If you have any ..... problems, please let me  
know.  
A farther                  B further                  C furthest

**20** Complete the sentences as in the example:

- 1 She gets *more and more beautiful* ..... every day. (beautiful)
- 2 My toothache is getting ..... (painful)
- 3 As the day goes on, the weather gets ..... (bad)
- 4 The meteor was moving ..... to the Earth. (close)

**21** Complete each sentence as in the example:

- 1 (It is dangerous.) The faster you drive, *the more dangerous it is* .....
- 2 (Your marks will be good.) The harder you work, .....
- 3 (I feel fit.) The more I exercise, .....
- 4 (We'll get there late.) The later we leave, .....
- 5 (It is quiet.) The further we are from the city, .....
- 6 (The roads became busy.) The nearer we got to the city centre, .....

**22** Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

- 1 Dean finds Maths easier than Chemistry.  
**not** Chemistry *is not as easy as* ..... Maths for Dean.
- 2 Susan enjoys pizza more than she enjoys burgers.  
**to** Susan ..... burgers.
- 3 Lemonade isn't as nice as ice tea.  
**better** Ice tea ..... lemonade.
- 4 Boots are not as comfortable as trainers.  
**less** Boots are ..... trainers.
- 5 I'd rather walk home than take the bus.  
**prefer** I would ..... than take the bus.
- 6 At the party last night I felt more excited than ever.  
**as** I've never felt ..... I did at the party last night.