

Unit 4 Progress Test A

Grammar

Complete the comparative sentences so that they are true. Use the correct form of the adjectives in brackets and add any other necessary words.

- 1 An elephant is much _____ (big) a mouse.
- 2 Winter is _____ (warm) autumn in the UK.
- 3 Midday is _____ (early) than midnight.
- 4 A worm is _____ (long) a snake.
- 5 At 3,776 m, Mount Fuji is _____ (high) Mount Ararat, which is 5,137 m.
- 6 A cup of coffee is much _____ (hot) an ice cream.
- 7 A car is _____ (cheap) a bicycle.
- 8 A tiger is _____ (dangerous) than a cat.
- 9 Ice is much _____ (cold) water.
- 10 A bicycle is _____ (expensive) a car.

Read the fact file and complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives below. There is one extra adjective.

FACT FILE: Did you know?

- ◆ **The summit of Mount Everest:** 8,848 m above sea level
- ◆ **Vatican City:** area 0.44 km²
- ◆ **The city of San Pedro Sula in Honduras:** 3 murders per day
- ◆ **The Pink Star diamond:** sold for £51.7 million in 2014
- ◆ **The cheetah:** runs at speeds of 70–75 mph
- ◆ **Jeanne Calment:** aged 122 in 1997
- ◆ **Plateau Station, Antarctica:** average annual temperature -56.7°C

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- 1 Mount Everest is _____ mountain in the world.
- 2 Vatican City is _____ country in the world.
- 3 San Pedro Sula is _____ city in the world.
- 4 The Pink Star diamond is _____ diamond in the world.
- 5 The cheetah is _____ animal on the planet.
- 6 Jeanne Calment is _____ person on record.
- 7 The Plateau Station in Antarctica is _____ place in the world.

Vocabulary

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Can you ___ the volume please? I'm trying to complete my English test.
1. drought
2. thunder
3. frostbite
4. cloudy
5. flood
6. plug in
7. frosty
8. earthquake
9. hail
10. thundery
11. foggy
12. pollution
13. shower
14. turn down
15. wind blows
16. avalanche
17. lightning
- 2 I'm scared of ___ because of the loud sound.
- 3 It's dangerous to stand under a tree if there's a storm and you see ___ .
- 4 You have to drive really slowly in ___ weather because you can't see where you're going.
- 5 I prefer a ___ to heavy rain because I know it won't last long.
- 6 There was a storm last night and the ___ stones were so big that they damaged the car.
- 7 You can't copy information from your hard drive unless you ___ it into your computer.
- 8 When it's ___ , it's a good idea to wear a hat and gloves.
- 9 This happens when snow, ice and rocks fall quickly down the side of a mountain.
- 10 If there is too much rain in a short period of time, you might experience one of these.
- 11 This can happen in a place where it doesn't rain for a long time.
- 12 When one of these happens, buildings shake and they sometimes fall down.

Listening

🔊 4 Listen to extracts about the weather. Choose the correct answers.

- 1) People in England often talk about the weather because
- a. they don't like talking about health.
b. it gives them something to talk about.
c. they are always worrying about epy weather.
- 2) What made the most damage to houses on Sunshine Island?
- a. the earthquake
b. the tornado
c. the flooding
- 3) What does the man say about the temperature in his garage now?
- a. It really hot.
b. It's below zero.
c. It's a little warm.
- 4) What happened last night?
- a. Lightning hit the house.
b. The wind blew a tree down.
c. The rain flooded the garden.

Reading

Read the text. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

Singing in the rain

You wake up in the morning and there's snow on the ground, but on the walk to school the sun comes out. You go outside at lunchtime because it's still sunny, but you get under a shower. On your way home, it's so hot that you take off your jumper. Sounds crazy but it happens with people who live in the UK.

The weather in the UK is unpredictable, and this is partly because of the location of the British Isles. Cold polar air from the north and warmer air from the Tropic push against each other to create the UK's unique weather. This means that weather forecasting in the UK is a difficult job, and the people who do it can have some embarrassing moments. For example, in 1987, weather forecasters missed a huge storm that was coming towards the UK. Later that night, a place called Sevenoaks lost six of its seven famous oak trees when the strong wind blew them down. These days, UK weather forecasters try not to make unrealistic predictions about the weather. For example, they don't say that there's going to be a 'barbecue summer' (a very hot summer when people can cook outside all the time) or a freezing winter, because usually the opposite happens.

You may think that living with this sort of weather every day makes people unhappy, but actually it has an unexpected effect on a lot of people in the UK. They tend to get more excited by sunshine than most people. They are likely to change into summer clothes whenever they see the sun, whether it is August or December. Rainy summers are so common that people try not to let the weather spoil their fun. In fact, for some people, particularly young children, the rain can be fun, and you may even find them singing in the rain!

1. The writer says the UK's form of the land makes changes in the weather. T / F
2. In 1987, UK forecasters didn't see saw a huge storm coming. T / F
3. After the storm, Sevenoaks only had one tree still standing. T / F
4. Today, forecasters try to be more careful with the forecasts. T / F
5. People in other countries enjoy sunny weather more than the british. T / F
6. Kids in Britain usually have a lot of fun under the rain. T / F

Speaking: talk about two photos: describe, compare and contrast them.



Writing

You received an email from your friend. Write a message and answer three questions.

From: Alex@mail.uk

To: Russian_friend@mail.ru

Subject: Technology

Hi Misha! 🖐️

How are you? Recently, I started learning to code, and I think it's really interesting! I've been practicing every day.

Do you use technology in your daily life? What do you think is the most important technology today? How do you download files from your mailbox? (instruction needed 😊)

Hope to hear from you soon!

Alex