

# 4.2

## GRAMMAR

Comparative and superlative adjectives

### SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

#### 1 Write the opposite adjectives.

serious ≠ **funny**

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 fat ≠ _____       | 4 intelligent ≠ _____  |
| 2 far ≠ _____       | 5 good-looking ≠ _____ |
| 3 difficult ≠ _____ | 6 interesting ≠ _____  |

#### 2 ★ Complete the dialogue with the correct comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

Emily: Two boys want to go to the end of school dance with me.

Kirsten: Who?

Emily: Wayne and Theo.

Kirsten: Well, go with Wayne. He's **better-looking** (good-looking) than Theo. He's <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (thin) too.

Emily: Well, Theo isn't fat! Anyway, Wayne is <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (boring) than Theo. Theo is <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (funny) than Wayne and he's <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (clever).

Kirsten: ... so, go with Theo.

Emily: Well ... Wayne has a lot of friends. He's <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sociable) than Theo. Theo is <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (shy). Maybe it's better to go to the dance with Wayne, but it's a difficult decision.

Kirsten: Yes, but it's less difficult than deciding what to wear. That's impossible!

#### 3 ★ ★ Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the adjectives in capitals.

My mum is **older** than my dad but the **oldest** person in our family is my dad's grandmother. She's 98. **OLD**

- Harry isn't shy at all – he's the \_\_\_\_\_ boy in our class. In fact, he's \_\_\_\_\_ than our teachers! **CONFIDENT**
- I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ than my mum. She's the \_\_\_\_\_ person in the house. **SHORT**
- Who is the \_\_\_\_\_ person in my family? My baby sister. My brother Tom is \_\_\_\_\_ than me – he's ten and I'm twelve years old. **YOUNG**
- I'd like to be \_\_\_\_\_ than I am but I'll never be the \_\_\_\_\_ person in my class. Seven people play sports for school teams. **FIT**
- Ela's got \_\_\_\_\_ hair than me. She's got the \_\_\_\_\_ hair in our class. Some of the boys call her 'Rapunzel' but she doesn't mind. **LONG**



#### 4 ★ ★ Complete the email with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.

Hi Eleanor,

How are you? Life here at university is great. The **best** (good) thing about it is that we've got a lot of free time! I like the lessons too. The lecturers are <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (interesting) than our teachers at school and they are <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (friendly) too. The <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (nice) lecturer is our psychology teacher. She's great.

The <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) thing about university is that we have lectures at 8 a.m. every day. The other problem is my room. It's <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (small) than my bedroom at home. It's <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tidy) too because my mother isn't here to tell me to put things away! It's a bit unfair because some of the rooms here are <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (big) than the one I've got. Oh well. How is everything with you? Hope your marks are <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (good) than last year!

See you soon,  
Beverley

#### 5 ★ ★ ★ Use the prompts to make full sentences.

The boy in that photo isn't Desmond. **Desmond has got darker hair than him** (Desmond / got / dark / hair / him).

- I want Craig to win the school prize for best student. <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(He / clever / boy / in the school). <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(He / friendly / the other people) who are trying to win too.
- We've got a book to read for English. The book I'm reading <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(funny / and / interesting / book we are studying).  
Why do they always choose <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(boring / books in the world) to read?
- Tim: Look at that dog. <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(That / ugly / dog in the world!)  
Phil: That's my dog!  
Tim: What? Oh, sorry. Sometimes <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(I / stupid / person I know!)  
Phil: Don't worry. I agree, he is a bit strange-looking but he's really friendly.

### SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

#### 6 Find the word that is wrong in each sentence and correct it. One sentence is correct.

You look different. Your hair is shortest than before. **shorter**

- This is, without doubt, the worse day of my life. \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is the kinder person in your class? \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't worry about what Chloe says. You're much more cleverer than she is. \_\_\_\_\_
- This year at school is less difficult than last year. Maybe I'm less shy than before! \_\_\_\_\_
- After my holiday, I want to be slimer than I am now. \_\_\_\_\_
- This lake looks narrower on the map than that one. \_\_\_\_\_

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