

Participle clauses; Making and modifying comparisons

1 Circle the correct alternative.

- 1 Having seen/Saw the colour of the water in the pool, I decided not to go swimming.
- 2 Running/Ran out of money at the end of his trip, he decided to take the bus to the next city.
- 3 Having caught/Caught on CCTV, the man had no choice but to confess.
- 4 Recognised/Having recognised by his adoring fans, the pop star had to sign autographs before he left.
- 5 Enjoyed/Enjoying the adrenalin rush, they headed off down the ski slope at breakneck speed.

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs given.

(1) (dream) about visiting the huge amusement park in Abu Dhabi for so long, I could believe it when we got there. (2) (read) that this park had the fastest roller coaster in the world, my brother and I went straight to that ride. It was certainly speedy! (3) (watch) by Mum we did that ride five times. After that, we went to the 4-D simulator.

(4) (watch) a huge screen, we travelled through jungles and up mountains and it all felt so real. (5) (tire) from so much excitement we then stopped for lunch. (6) (be) hungry we ate happily, looking forward to the next adventure.

3 Choose the best answer (a or b).

- 1 There is water in this waterfall, so we can swim underneath it. We won't get washed away!
a more **b** less
- 2 I don't find cycling running.
a as tiring as **b** so tiring
- 3 The mountain's peak seems to be getting the closer we get.
a more and more high **b** higher and higher
- 4 The longer she stays out in the snow, she'll get.
a the colder **b** the coldest
- 5 Abseiling down a cliff excitement as bungee jumping off a bridge.
a doesn't offer as **b** doesn't offer the same
- 6 The music isn't I thought it would be.
a as soul-destroying that **b** as soul-destroying as

4 Find and correct the mistakes.

- 1 This route is far long than the one suggested in the book.
- 2 This is by far the better view of the valley.
- 3 He's nowhere near as brave Tom when it comes to skiing off-piste.
- 4 They are a great fitter than they look.
- 5 You are easily the stronger contender in the team for the finals.
- 6 The view from the window is nothing like good as the one in the advert.

5 Complete the text with these words.

almost as big as • being surrounded •
better and better • by far the best • far better •
having watched • seeing • the more interesting •
visited • watching

James aged 15

Scuba diving is sensational!

(1) my dad scuba dive numerous times, I was very keen to do it myself. Finally, my tenth birthday arrived and he took me on a taster course in Mexico. It was (2) than I imagined. (3) a huge turtle pass by just one metre in front of me was amazing. I also saw a manta ray that was (4) me!

Since then I have done my junior open water diving course and I've been diving 30 times. The dives get (5) every time. The more experienced I become, (6) the dives are.

Diving in Belize last summer was brilliant. We went to the Blue Hole, which was an underwater cave until the roof fell in. (7) by sharks in the deep blue sea was hair-raising! (8) nature at work is wonderful. It makes you feel on top of the world.

In October we went to Cyprus and dived over the wreck of the Zenobia. (9) by underwater tourists, this wreck provides a very different type of sightseeing.

If you haven't tried scuba diving, I strongly recommend it – as long as you're a good swimmer and enjoy being in the sea. I think you'll find it (10) way to spend your holiday.