

## Comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs; Other ways of making comparisons; Articles; Ability in the past, present and future

**1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. Use each word once. There is one extra word.**

beautiful • big • easy • good • hard • moody • shy

- My baby nephew is so much ..... than he was a month ago – he's grown so much!
- I was studying ..... as Tom, but I didn't pass the exam and he did.
- The ..... a student performs, the more self-confident he gets.
- This test is not ..... I thought it would be.
- He is unbelievable! He is ..... boy I know!
- This is where you find the ..... view of the city.

**2 Find and correct the sentences with mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.**

- My current employer is much fairest than my old one.
- This musician is the more talented man I know.
- You are just as talented as this artist.
- The earlier you set off, the soonest you'll arrive.
- They were not as popular they thought and only a few fans showed up.
- When I perform, my mind is calmer than when I am resting.

**3 Complete the text with a, an, the or –.**

*Mastermind* is (1) ..... UK TV show which started in 1972 and still runs today. There is (2) ..... quizmaster and there are (3) ..... four contestants. There are two rounds and (4) ..... contestants take turns to sit in (5) ..... black leather chair in the centre of (6) ..... studio to answer a series of questions. In (7) ..... first round, they answer questions on a specialist subject of their choice. The second round involves (8) ..... general knowledge questions. The contestant with (9) ..... most points after both rounds is (10) ..... winner.

**4 Correct the sentences using these words. There are six extra words.**

able • be • being • can • could • couldn't • in • managed • succeeded • to • was • wasn't

- Lucas is very hard-working. He'll be to speak English fluently in a few months' time.

- My brother is very talkative now, but he talk until he was four.
- If you're introverted, it's important to able to spend enough time on your own.
- Zara is very diplomatic. She to stop a big argument between two of her friends last week.
- Ewan seemed cheerful, but we see that something was wrong.
- Sophie is very outgoing, so she hated not able to go out with her friends during lockdown.

**5 Complete the sentences using the correct form of could, be able to, manage to or succeed in.**

Nathan Kai has always been very smart for his age. He (1) ..... play the piano when he was three, and he (2) ..... do secondary-level schoolwork when he was six. At the age of seven, he wanted to find a book that would help him to be his 'best self', but he and his mum (3) ..... find any books like this for kids. So, he decided to write one himself. He met the Paralympic and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Danielle Brown at a Mensa event, and (4) ..... persuade her to work with him on the book. They then went to a book fair together, where they (5) ..... getting a book deal for *Be Your Best Self*. Now they speak at various events, and they hope to (6) ..... inspire many more children in the future.

**6 Find ten extra words in the text.**

*Enola Holmes* is a film that came out in the 2020. Millie Bobby Brown stars as the sister of the most famous detective Sherlock Holmes. Enola is the more youngest member of the Holmes family, and while Sherlock may be the more famous, Enola is just as much intelligent as her brother. Thanks to her mother, Enola is much the more resourceful than most young ladies in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and she is being able to do things like jujitsu and archery. In one scene, though, she doesn't manage able to ride a bike very well, surprisingly. When Enola's mother disappears on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, Enola believes she will to be able to find her if she travels to London and follows a series of clues. However, the more she finds out, the more stranger things get ...