

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 adjective or adverb given.

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

2 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- My current employer is much fairest than my old one.
- This musician is the more talented man I know.
- You are just so 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 calmest than when I am resting.

3 Circle the correct alternative.

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

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

be able to • could • couldn't • managed to •
not being able to • will be able to

- Lucas is very hard-working. He 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 spend enough time on your own.
- Zara is very diplomatic. She 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 go out with her friends during lockdown.

5 Circle the correct alternative.

Nathan Kai has always been very smart for his age. He (1) will be able to/could play the piano when he was three, and he (2) succeeded in/was able to 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) couldn't/weren't able to 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) succeeded in/managed to persuade her to work with him on the book. They then went to a book fair together, where they (5) succeeded in/managed to getting a book deal for *Be Your Best Self*. Now they speak at various events, and they hope to (6) be able to/manage to inspire many more children in the future.

6 Choose the best answer to complete the text.

Enola Holmes is (1) film that came out in 2020. Millie Bobby Brown stars as the sister of (2) famous detective Sherlock Holmes. Enola is the (3) member of the Holmes family, and while Sherlock may be (4) Enola is just (5) her brother. Thanks to her mother, Enola is much (6) than most young ladies in the 19th century, and she (7) do things like jujitsu and archery. In one scene, though, she doesn't (8) ride a bike very well, surprisingly. When Enola's mother disappears on her 16th birthday, Enola believes she (9) find her if she travels to London and follows a series of clues. However, the more she finds out, (10) things get ...

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| 1 A a | B – | C the |
| 2 A a | B an | C the |
| 3 A younger | B youngest | C most young |
| 4 A more famous | B most famous | C famouser |
| 5 A as intelligent | B as intelligent as | C as intelligent than |
| 6 A the most resourceful | B resourcefuller | C more resourceful |
| 7 A succeeds in | B is able to | C could |
| 8 A able to | B succeed in | C manage to |
| 9 A will be able to | B can be able to | C is able to |
| 10 A stranger | B the strangest | C the stranger |