Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct comparative form of these adjectives.

easy • excited • far • good • tired

1 I think that test was ………………………………… than the last one.

2 The stadium was ………………………………… than I thought. It took two hours to get there!

3 We won the dance competition. We were ………………………………… than the others.

4 My dad really enjoyed the concert last night. He was ………………………………… than me!

5 We cycled a long way today. I felt ………………………………… than the last time.

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2 Complete the short dialogues with the correct superlative form of the adjectives given.

1 A:Did you see the final of the tennis?

B:Yes, it was very exciting. I think Novak Djokovic is

the ………………………………… (good) player in the world.

2 A:We went on holiday by train this year.

B:Did it take a long time?

A:Not really. I think it’s the …………………………………

(comfortable) way to travel.

3 A:Did you see Dario’s new phone?

B:Yes. He always buys the …………………………………   
(expensive) phone in the shop!

4 A:I hate maths. I always get the …………………………………

(bad) results in the class.

B:That’s not true.

5 A: Did you read this article about the animal charity?

B: Yes. I think the last story was the ………………………………… (sad), don’t you?

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3 Find and correct five mistakes with articles in the text.

We went to Edinburgh to visit my aunt and uncle last August. Edinburgh is the big city in Scotland. While we were there, we visited the castle. It is oldest building in the city. We also went to some museums. There is a big hill in Edinburgh called Arthur’s Seat and we climbed to the top. We had a great view of a city. Every August there is a festival with lots of plays and street theatre and I saw a opera for the first time. The streets were filled with the people all day. It was fantastic!

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4 Complete the email with one word in each gap.

Hi Fran,

Thanks so much for lending me that book. I finished it last night. I think you’re right – it is the (1) ……………………… book in the series. I read one of the others, but this was   
(2) ……………………… exciting. I really liked the way Jake was cleverer and faster (3) ……………………… all the grown-ups in the story!

I heard that a famous Hollywood director is going to make a film of (4) ……………………… book. He says it will be hard to find   
(5) ……………………… actor who can play Jake. I can’t wait to see it.

Have you got any other books I can read?

Speak soon.

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Vocabulary

5 Complete the sentences with these adjectives. There are two extra options.

cheerful • hard-working • intelligent • kind lazy • quiet • serious

1 Jack is always ……………………… , even when it’s raining or his football team loses.

2 Megan’s mum is very ……………………… . She always tries to help us.

3 Tom is a/an ……………………… person. He doesn’t say much.

4 My younger brother is very ……………………… . He never does the dishes or takes the rubbish out.

5 Kate’s sister is very ……………………… . She knows a lot about everything!

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6 Complete the text with words related to social problems.

I watched the news on TV last night. First, there was   
a report on (1) ……………………… – there are lots of people without jobs. Then there was a story about (2) ………………… , but it seems they are going to build more houses now, so maybe this will help. Then a police officer talked about   
(3) ……………………… . He said that the police are doing more to protect ordinary people from thieves. The good news was that people have a little bit more money now and aren’t living in (4) ……………………… . And there is less   
(5) ……………………… from all the cars and factories.

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7 Complete the sentences with the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

1 I’m so ……………………… . There’s nothing to do and all my friends are away on holiday.

**A** surprised

**B** bored

**C** tired

**D** worried

2 What makes me ……………………… ? When my sister takes my things without asking!

**A** frightened

**B** worried

**C** angry

**D** happy

3 You look really ……………………… just lying there in the sun with your book.

**A** relaxed

**B** stressed

**C** disappointed

**D** interested

4 The story in the film was really difficult to understand.   
I felt totally ……………………… at the end.

**A** worried

**B** frightened

**C** interested

**D** confused

5 I’m really ……………………… . I passed all my exams and now my mum is taking me out to celebrate!

**A** sad

**B** relaxed

**C** happy

**D** bored

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8 Choose the best answers (A, B or C) to complete the text.

This year I’m going to volunteer in a charity shop. I’m   
very (1) ……………………… about the problem of world   
(2) ……………………… . There are so many places where people don’t have enough to eat and that doesn’t seem right when we waste so much food here. When I tell people at school, they aren’t (3) ……………………… . They think I’m too (4) ……………………… . But I think it’s important to try to do something even if it’s only small. I’m quite   
(5) ……………………… and the people in the charity shop seem happy that I’m going to work there. I think it will be fun, too!

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| 1 **A** bored  **B** worried  **C** relaxed  2 **A** hunger  **B** violence  **C** pollution | 3 **A** stressed  **B** sad  **C** interested  4 **A** kind  **B** serious  **C** quiet  5 **A** lazy  **B** quiet  **C** hard-working |

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Use of English

9 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

We did (1) ……………………… project at school and compared the lives of students in our country with students in a school in England. We were surprised at (2) ……………………… results. In England, children start school when they are younger (3) ……………………… in our country. And class sizes are (4) ……………………… there, too. Ours have 25 students, but theirs have more than 30. Our school day is shorter, but they have a (5) ……………………… lunch break – one hour instead of 45 minutes. And we also read a survey on tests. In both countries, girls do better than boys in tests when they are young, but they are about the same when they are (6) ………………………. The survey said not because girls are (7) ……………………… intelligent, but because they have different learning skills. In England, some people think that teenagers should start school (8) ……………………… in the morning because teenagers need more sleep! The English students said that, the (9) ……………………… difficult lesson is maths, and I think that’s true here, too. They also said the (10) ……………………… lesson is ICT and not just because they like playing computer games!

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Reading

10 Read the article about an unusual café. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence.

A famous Hollywood star visited a café in Edinburgh recently. People took ‘selfie’ photos with the actor and the staff were very excited because one of the most famous people on the planet was visiting them! But this is not an ordinary café. (1) ……………………… The café has something called ‘a suspended coffee and food plan’. (2) ……………………… And when a customer visits the café ten times, the café will give a homeless person a free meal and a hot drink.

We see homeless people every day in the big cities, but sometimes we don’t want to see them. Maybe we think they are lazy or that they are homeless because they don’t want to work. But that isn’t true. (3) ……………………… Then they had to sleep on the roads or under bridges and ask people for food and money. Some of the people who work in the café in Edinburgh were homeless in the past but now they have a chance to have a better life.

The actor had something to eat and gave some money to the café while he was there. (4) ……………………… There are more cafés like the one in Edinburgh. (5) ……………………… So next time you want to have a sandwich or something hot to drink, try to find one that does something to help people in need. (6) ……………………… .

A Many homeless people had a life like ours, but something happened and they lost everything.

B His visit to the café showed that it is easy to help people.

C It is special because it helps homeless people.

D Maybe there is one near you.

E But it is very expensive for the café.

F Customers can pay for a hot drink or snack for a homeless person to have later.

G Not only because you will feel good, but also because life can be hard for all of us sometimes.

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11 Read the article again and choose the best answers, A, B, C or D.

1 The café is unusual because the customers

**A** are famous.

**B** help homeless people.

**C** work in the café.

**D** pay nothing.

2 Customers can help homeless people

**A** after ten visits.

**B** every time they visit.

**C** when someone famous visits.

**D** get a job.

3 Some people think homeless people

**A** should stay away from cafés.

**B** don’t really need help.

**C** like working.

**D** don’t want to help themselves.

4 Some of the people who work in the café

**A** didn’t have anywhere to live in the past.

**B** don’t have anywhere to live at the moment.

**C** don’t have enough money for food.

**D** couldn't find a job.

5 The actor visited the café because he wanted

**A** something to eat.

**B** to give some food to homeless people.

**C** to help homeless people.

**D** to talk about his film.

6 You can visit cafés like this one

**A** in other places, too.

**B** only in Edinburgh.

**C** only when you need to help someone.

**D** only if you are homeless.

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12 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

1 The café will give a homeless person a free meal   
every day.

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2 In big cities, we never see homeless people. ………..……..………..……..………..……..………..……..………..……..………..

3 The staff at the café are all homeless. ………..……..………..……..………..……..………..……..………..……..………..

4 The actor donated a photo to the cafe during his visit.

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Listening

13 button.jpg Listen to part of an interview with a teenager. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

1 The boy thinks teenagers today have a difficult   
life. T/F

2 When his father was young, not so many   
people went to university. T/F

3 The boy thinks it’s easier to find a job today. T/F

4 The boy thinks people buy more things today   
because they’ve got more money. T/F

5 He thinks the problems today are not the   
same as when his parents were young. T/F

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14 button.jpg Listen again and complete the sentences with two or three words in each gap.

1 Young people have to do …………………………….………………… now.

2 In the past, teenagers got a job and …………………………….………………… after they left school.

3 It is not easy for young people to find …………………………….………………… today.

4 Teenagers want new clothes, phones and computers when they …………………………….………………… on TV.

5 The problems now are different because the …………………………….………………… all the time.

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Writing

15 Read the email from your classmate and then write a short reply.

Hi,

We need your help with the next school magazine. We want to do a special edition about charities. Is there a charity that you’re interested in? Do you do any volunteer work in your free time? Can you write an article or suggest some ideas? We will have a meeting to discuss the ideas next week and choose the best ones.

See you soon!

Reuben

Write 35–50 words.

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Speaking

16 Look at the photo and describe what you see.

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