

- 6 This village looks **familiar** _____ me. Have we been here before?
- 7 A **rise** _____ inflation would have negative consequences for the country's economy.
- 8 I didn't like olive oil but I've developed a **taste** _____ it now that I'm living in Spain.

Grammar Revision (Adverbs - Comparisons - Articles - Uncountables)

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A Read the text below and complete each blank with one word.

Gianni Versace was one of the (1) _____ successful fashion designers (2) _____ the 1980s and 1990s. He was born in 1946, in Reggio, a (3) _____ small town in Italy, where he learnt how to make clothes. In (4) _____ beginning, he sold his clothes to (5) _____ manufacturer in Milan, but he was not as popular then (6) _____ he was in later years. Very quickly he developed a personal style, which made him famous. He used bright colours and, over time, his clothes became more and (7) _____ extravagant. The more successful his collections were, the (8) _____ his talent was acknowledged. Celebrities (9) _____ Princess Diana and Elton John loved his style. Versace also paid the (10) _____ attention to his surroundings (11) _____ he did to his clothes and spent (12) _____ of money on art and expensive furniture. Versace's fame, however, is just (13) _____ side of this story of style, which ended suddenly with his death (14) _____ the summer of 1997. Some fashion critics have described his clothes (15) _____ "fabulous rubbish" and criticised him for using cheap materials. Nevertheless, he has to be seen as one of the most influential designers of his generation.

B Choose A, B, C or D to complete the following dialogue.

Jim: Have you made up your mind about where to go on holiday?

Mike: I've narrowed down my choices to two (1) _____ large countries, France and Mexico. What do you think?

Jim: Well, France is one of (2) _____ countries in Europe. Did you know it's twice (3) _____ the UK? Since you've got eight weeks off (4) _____ work, you could go on a cycling tour of the country.

Mike: I'd like to visit (5) _____ Alps and Mont Blanc, which is (6) _____ than any other mountain in Western Europe. I suppose I could also go on long walks in the country, as the climate there is similar (7) _____ that in Britain.

Jim: Really? I think it's (8) _____ warmer.

Especially on the Riviera, the Mediterranean in winter is (9) _____ temperature as the British coastal waters are in summer! I can really picture you, tanned and relaxed, tasting delicious local specialities (10) _____ Camembert cheese, frogs' legs and snails!

Mike: Come on, that sounds disgusting!

Jim: Apparently, they taste (11) _____ better than they sound.

Mike: I don't know. I'd rather go to Mexico and eat tortillas and chilli every day!



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|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1 A rather | B most | C far | D too |
| 2 A larger | B largest | C the larger | D the largest |
| 3 A bigger than | B as big as | C so big as | D as bigger than |
| 4 A a | B the | C some | D - |
| 5 A an | B the | C some | D - |
| 6 A higher | B highest | C the higher | D the highest |
| 7 A as | B with | C to | D of |
| 8 A more | B most | C much | D quite |
| 9 A the same | B same | C similar | D the similar |
| 10 A such | B as | C like | D so |
| 11 A pretty | B far | C the | D more |

A Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

A TALENT FOR LYING



Although we are all natural born liars, most of us seem to take it for granted that lying

(1) _____ bad. However, psychologists argue that lying is just

(2) _____ important as any other social skill we possess.

We learn (3) _____ art of deception very early in life; by the age of

five, we have not only become quite efficient at lying, but we have also learnt how to read people's reactions and act accordingly.

(4) _____ example, if someone is avoiding direct eye contact with us, this makes us think that we're being lied to so we might lie, too. A person's smile is also (5) _____ giveaway. A genuine smile makes the skin near the eyes crease, whereas a "put on" smile doesn't have the (6) _____ effect on the facial features (7) _____ a real one.

Even though both women and men know how to watch (8) _____ for clues that somebody is lying, it is a fact that women are (9) _____ more skilful liars (10) _____ men. Despite this, women are also more affected by other people's feelings, so they have more sympathy (11) _____ them. As a result, women tend to be (12) _____ willing to have an honest conversation.

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given unchanged. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 Sarah is a better swimmer than Jessica.

swim Jessica doesn't _____ Sarah.

2 Mark and Tony are equally tall.

height Mark is _____ Tony.

3 Jane is more enthusiastic about sports than Brendan is.

keen Brendan isn't _____ Jane is.

4 The baby's temperature kept rising, so we took him to hospital.

higher The baby's temperature was _____, so we took him to hospital.

5 Patrick doesn't usually forget his appointments.

like It is _____ his appointments.

6 As it got darker, we had more difficulty seeing.

harder The darker _____ it was for us to see.

7 Daniel is the worst cook I've ever known.

cook None of the people I know _____ Daniel.

8 I couldn't find a bigger house in the area.

the This was _____ I could find in the area.

9 The children's performance made quite an impression on us.

rather We were _____ the children's performance.

10 Jeremy doesn't run as fast as Jonathan.

so Jeremy is not _____ Jonathan.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

- 1 Four people died in a _____ accident due to the _____ road conditions. Local residents are _____ because _____ accidents have occurred there and no measures have been taken yet.
- 2 If you require _____ information, do not hesitate to contact me.
- 3 I woke up this morning feeling happy because it was a _____, _____ day. I realised that the miserable _____ days were over and that _____ summer was just around the corner.
- 4 I get paid _____, which puts a lot of pressure on me _____ at the end of the month. I am _____ at controlling my money over a long period of time.
- 5 Phil crosses the main road on a _____ basis to get to school. He does, however, cross _____ by looking both ways.
- 6 _____ can be an enjoyable experience. Yet, more and more couples these days are deciding to remain _____.
- 7 Eliza isn't very _____ lately. I hope she wasn't offended by my comment. I didn't say it _____ to hurt her.
- 8 My friend David liked going on _____ holidays until last summer when he was bitten by a _____ snake and nearly died.

FATE, ICE
ANGER, NUMBER

ADDITION
DELIGHT
SUN, RAIN
LUCK
MONTH, FINANCE
HOPE

DAY
CAUTION
PARENT
CHILD
FRIEND
INTENTION
ADVENTURE
POISON

Examination Practice

A Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

THE ART OF BEING A PARENT

In order to (1) _____ children, many qualities are required. As well as the (2) _____ requirements such as love, patience and understanding, a sense of humour is an important feature of any parent's personality. (3) _____, it's quite an art to transform a child's bad mood into (4) _____ everyone in the family can live with.

Another aspect of child rearing is teaching children limits and rules. This means the child needs to be (5) _____ of what his or her rights are and what other people's are, too. Setting limits on children must occur on a daily basis. Temporary measures don't achieve anything but just waste time. A (6) _____ mistake, however, is being (7) _____ stricter than necessary. Parents must be (8) _____ to allow their children the opportunity to explore and learn (9) _____ experience.

What's more, most parents must know the importance of (10) _____ as it gets children used to certain everyday activities. For instance, eating at the same time (11) _____ their parents gets them into the habit of sitting at a table and (12) _____ them how to conduct themselves properly.

Overall, child rearing is no easy task but it is certainly a challenge and a learning experience.

1	A grow	B grow up	C born	D bring up
2	A routine	B popular	C ordinary	D usual
3	A In fact	B But	C All in all	D As well as
4	A temper	B character	C behaviour	D manner
5	A known	B accustomed	C familiar	D aware
6	A willing	B famous	C common	D continuous
7	A very	B far	C quite	D fairly
8	A keen	B eager	C interested	D willing
9	A by	B on	C from	D with
10	A custom	B routine	C fashion	D trend
11	A like	B as	C than	D of
12	A learns	B educates	C teaches	D instructs

B Complete the text below with the correct form of the words in capitals.

ARTHRITIS

Arthritis is a general term for aches and pains in the body's joints. Most types of arthritis involve the deterioration of cartilage, which is an (1) _____ material covering the ends of the bones in the joint. When the (2) _____ cartilage wears out, it becomes rough and this causes pain when the joint moves. This condition is more common among the elderly, but some people can be sufferers from (3) _____. Apart from (4) _____ painkillers, little or no treatment is available. However, (5) _____ scientists have designed (6) _____ joints that can replace the (7) _____, worn-out ones. These new joints could prove very (8) _____ to arthritis sufferers. Although some believe that joint replacement may be (9) _____, numerous patients are (10) _____ waiting for this medical breakthrough.

ESSENCE

HEALTH

CHILD

TRADITION

AMBITION

ARTIFICE

PAIN

BENEFIT

COST

ANXIOUS