

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 9

9.1 comparatives/superlatives

1 Underline the correct alternative.

Bad? It was the ¹ worse/worst experience of my life! The hotel was much ² more/most expensive than we imagined. It was also ³ bigger/bigger than it looked in the photos – not a boutique hotel at all. The staff never seemed to smile – they were ⁴ unfriendlier/the most unfriendly people I've ever met. They were also the ⁵ noisiest/noiser! Every night there was something going on. The journeys between towns were ⁶ difficult/more difficult than they said. The one good thing was that the weather was ⁷ hot/hotter than I expected. Next year will be ⁸ the better/better! Nothing could be as bad as this!

2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 stressful / more / holidays / than / are / home / at / staying

2 looking / the / wonderful / most / for / is / everyone / experience

3 difficult / is / it / more / people / than / imagine

4 less / is / there / space / hotel rooms / in

5 creates / opportunities / this / more / arguments / for

6 'staycations' / be / can / best / option / the

3 Choose the correct meaning, a) or b).

- 1 Tom's phone is much more expensive than Sam's.
 - a) Sam's phone is much cheaper than Tom's.
 - b) Sam's phone is a bit cheaper than Tom's.
- 2 Walking isn't as good as swimming.
 - a) Walking is better than swimming.
 - b) Swimming is better than walking.
- 3 Rice is as healthy as pasta.
 - a) Rice and pasta are equally healthy.
 - b) Rice is healthier than pasta.

9.2 articles

1 Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

I love ¹ _____ wildlife parks. You can see ² _____ animal in its natural habitat. We went to West Wild Park in ³ _____ Wales for my birthday yesterday. It's ⁴ _____ biggest in the country. We saw lots of animals, including ⁵ _____ lions. But my favourite was ⁶ _____ parrot. It was outside ⁷ _____ café. As ⁸ _____ customers went in, it spoke to them. When they turned round, ⁹ _____ parrot told them a joke! It was ¹⁰ _____ funniest thing I've ever seen!

- 1 a) a b) – c) the
- 2 a) – b) a c) an
- 3 a) – b) the c) a
- 4 a) a b) the c) –
- 5 a) a b) an c) –
- 6 a) an b) a c) –
- 7 a) an b) a c) –
- 8 a) – b) a c) an
- 9 a) the b) a c) an
- 10 a) a b) – c) the



2 Find the odd one out. Think about articles.

- 1 Spain, Portugal, USA
- 2 lion, elephant, alligator
- 3 Amazon, Sahara, Australia
- 4 UK, England, France
- 5 strongest, shorter, fastest

9.3 making guesses

- 1** Put the words and phrases in the box in the correct group.

can't be could be definitely not maybe
might be must be perhaps

100% certain (+): _____
50% certain: _____, _____
100% certain (-): can't be, _____

- 2** Underline the correct alternative.

A: Who's that over there? I think it ¹*could be/could is* Helen.

B: No, it ²*can't/must be*, Helen's much taller!

A: Oh, you're right, it's ³*definitely not/must be* Helen.

B: Look! I think that ⁴*might/can be* Sally.

A: Yes, it is! And ⁵*must/perhaps* that's her new boyfriend, Peter.

B: The man with the brown hair? No, that's ⁶*definitely not/maybe* Peter. Sally said he has blonde hair.

A: Oh. Then he might ⁷*be/being* one of her friends from work.

B: Yes, he ⁸*must/can't be* a colleague, because he's wearing a suit.

A: Come on, let's go and say hello.



Consolidation

- 1** Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 I'm tallest than my brothers.
- 2 Everyone is shorter me.
- 3 Lots of the people think I'm a giant.
- 4 'Look! He must to be a giant,' they say.
- 5 I'm not. But I'm the better at baseball!
- 6 Because of my height, buying clothes is most difficult for me.
- 7 I go to special shop in town.
- 8 It's in a Superb Shopping Centre.

- 2** Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

a (x4) an (x2) can't might more must (x2)
than (x2) the (x5)

A: Well, Sammy, it's ¹_____ last day of ²_____ holiday, so shall we do something special?

B: Yes, please, Mum! But you probably want to visit ³_____ art gallery or ⁴_____ museum.

A: No! Let's do something much ⁵_____ interesting than that! Would you like to see one of ⁶_____ most sociable animals in ⁷_____ world?

B: Yes, please! That ⁸_____ be an elephant ... or it ⁹_____ be a monkey ...

A: No, it's not ¹⁰_____ elephant or ¹¹_____ monkey – we're not going to ¹²_____ zoo.

B: Oh, then where are we going? It ¹³_____ be Wildstone Park – it's too far away.

A: You're right. The place I'm thinking of is closer ¹⁴_____ Wildstone Park. And it's wetter ¹⁵_____ the zoo or the wildlife park!

B: Oh, it ¹⁶_____ be the aquarium!

A: That's right!

B: I know! We're going to see ¹⁷_____ dolphin.

A: No, actually, we're not! We're going to see ¹⁸_____ beluga whale.

B: Wow! Let's go now!