

G auxiliary verbs, the..., the... + comparatives

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1 GRAMMAR auxiliary verbs

a Cross out the unnecessary words.



- 1 My mum can drive, but my dad can't ~~drive~~.
- 2 I loved that book, but my wife didn't ~~love that book~~.
- 3 You weren't listening to the instructions, but I was ~~listening to the instructions~~.
- 4 Some people believe in ghosts, but others don't ~~believe in ghosts~~.
- 5 Gina's going to the party, but Robbie isn't ~~going to the party~~.
- 6 I always lock the front door, but my partner doesn't ~~always lock the front door~~.
- 7 I've never been to a fortune teller, but my sister has ~~visited a fortune teller~~.
- 8 My friends had already heard the story, but I hadn't ~~already heard the story~~.

b Complete the conversations with a question tag or an auxiliary.

- 1 A I sent you a message last night, but you didn't reply.
B I did reply. I texted you straight away.
- 2 A I don't feel like cooking tonight.
B Neither do I. Shall we go out for dinner? I'd love a curry.
A So do I. Come on. Let's go.
- 3 A I've seen this film before.
B Well, I have.
A Do you mind if I change channels?
B Yes, I do mind! I want to see the end.

- 4 A You're going to Sam's party, aren't you?
B No, I'm not.
A Why not? You haven't had another argument with him, have you?
B Yes. We aren't going out together any more.

- 5 A I'll be back a bit late tonight.
B Will you? Where are you going?
A To a concert with some friends.
B You'll be back before 12.00, won't you?
A Of course.

- 6 A You couldn't lend me some money, could you?
B No, sorry. Why?
A I've spent all my money this month.
B So have I!

- 7 A I didn't go out last night.
B Neither did I. I was too tired.
A So did I!

- 8 A You aren't from round here, are you?
B No, I'm from Australia.
A I don't suppose you like the British weather.
B Actually, I do like it. I prefer cool weather to hot weather.

c Respond to the statements with So do I, Neither do I, I do, I don't, etc., and say why.

- 1 I didn't go out yesterday.
Neither did I.
- 2 I love the sea.
So do I.
- 3 I've never been to Scotland.
I haven't too. It's too expensive for me
- 4 I'd like to go on a safari.
I do too!
- 5 I wasn't interested in history at school.
Neither was I
- 6 I'm good at languages.
So I am
- 7 I can swim quite well.
Well, I can too.
- 8 I don't do any exercise.
I don't do too.

2 PRONUNCIATION intonation and sentence rhythm

a 1.6 Listen and complete the conversations.

1 A You don't like the soup, do you?
B I do like it. It's just that it's very hot.

2 A We weren't invited to their wedding.
B weren't you? Neither were we.

3 A I did enjoy that film.
B did you? I didn't.

4 A I was always very well behaved as a child.
B were you? I wasn't.

5 A You did forget to call me, didn't you?
B Of course I did.

6 A I can play tennis quite well.
B can you? I can't.

b 1.6 Listen again and repeat the conversations. Copy the rhythm and intonation.

3 GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT the..., the... + comparatives

Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in the list.

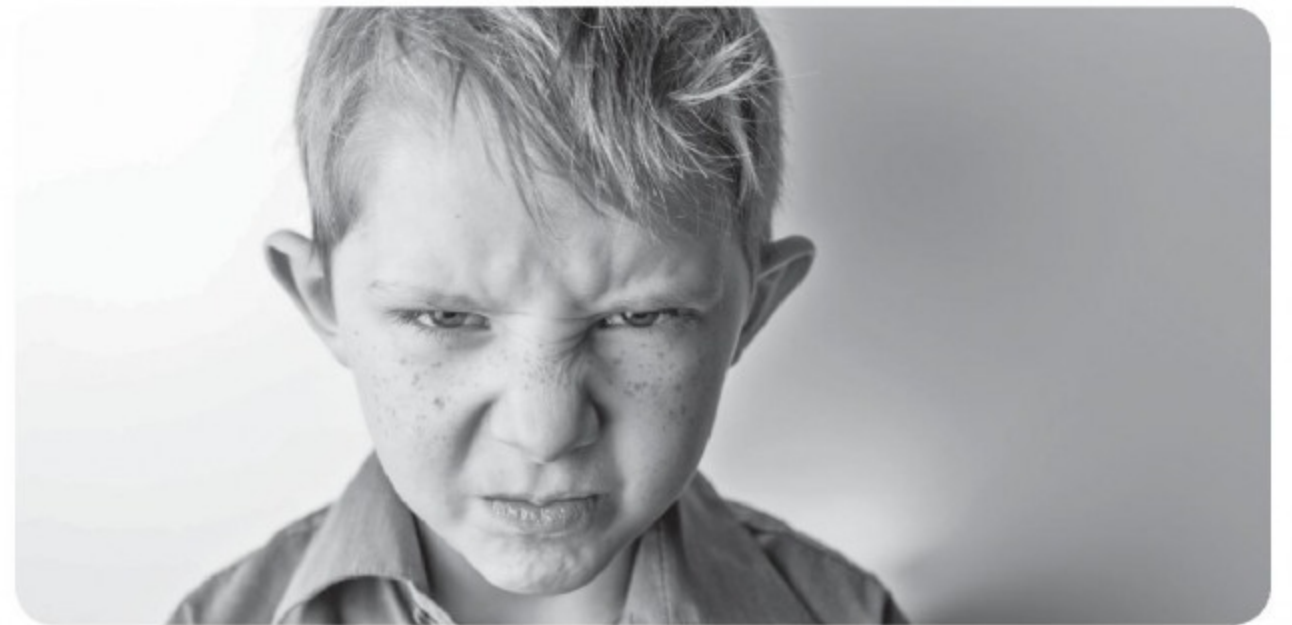
~~big~~ ~~cold~~ ~~difficult~~ ~~early~~ ~~far~~ ~~good~~ ~~high~~
~~interesting~~ ~~late~~ ~~likely~~ ~~long~~ ~~qualified~~

- The earlier we set off, the better chance we'll have of avoiding the rush-hour traffic.
- The more interesting the class, the more likely the students are to learn something.
- The later you go to bed, the more difficult it is to get up in the morning.
- The further north you travel in Canada, the colder it gets.
- The more qualified the person is for the job, the higher the salary.
- The bigger your house, the longer it takes you to clean it.

4 VOCABULARY compound adjectives, modifiers

a Match the definitions to the compound adjectives in the list.

4 absent-minded 12 big-headed
14 easy-going 13 good-tempered 6 laid-back 9 narrow-minded
2 open-minded 8 self-centred 5 strong-willed 3 tight-fisted
10 two-faced 7 well-balanced 11 well-behaved



- easily made angry or annoyed
bad-tempered
- ready to consider new ideas and opinions
- not willing to spend money
- often forgetting or not noticing things
- determined to do what you want to do, even if other people advise you not to
- relaxed; not easily worried by things
- sensible and emotionally in control
- having a very high opinion of how important and clever you are
- not willing to listen to ideas different from your own
- dishonest about your feelings; telling people what you think will please them
- cheerful and not easily made angry
- thinking only about yourself and not about other people
- calm; not easily upset by what other people do
- behaving in a way that people think is polite and correct

b Complete the sentences with the compound adjectives in a.

- 1 My parents are quite easy-going. They accept most things I do, without getting upset.
- 2 Tom's wife is very laid-back. She doesn't seem to let anything worry her.
- 3 Oliver's new girlfriend isn't as dramatic as he is. She seems quite well-balanced.
- 4 My partner is quite narrow-minded. He won't listen to other people's ideas.
- 5 Grace never thinks of anyone else, because she's so self-centred.
- 6 My sister-in-law is very two-faced. She's nice to me, and then speaks badly of me to other people.
- 7 Since he went to work abroad for a while, Leo has become more open-minded about other cultures.
- 8 She's very strong-willed, and if she's decided to become a vegetarian, nothing will stop her.
- 9 When we go out, my friend Jack never offers to buy the drinks. I wish he wasn't so tight-fisted.
- 10 The new manager seems very big-headed. He spent most of the meeting telling us how successful he was.
- 11 My grandmother never remembers where she's put her keys. She's very absent-minded.
- 12 I've never seen your children being naughty. They're really well-behaved.
- 13 Our English teacher never seems to get angry. She's extremely good-tempered.
- 14 It's best not to talk to my brother when he first gets up. He's usually very bad-tempered.

c Circle the correct answer. Tick (✓) if both answers are possible.

- 1 Tony's new girlfriend is good for him – she seems rather / really well balanced. ☐
- 2 I don't trust my neighbour – she's extremely / incredibly two-faced. ☒
- 3 Some people complain about my kids, but I think they're pretty / a bit well behaved. ☐
- 4 My cousin Olivia is very / really tight-fisted – she doesn't want to give any money towards our grandfather's 80th birthday present. ☒
- 5 I'm not that keen on my new colleague. I find him quite / rather big-headed. ☐
- 6 I get on well with my boss. He's quite / rather easy-going. ☐
- 7 If I have a problem, I usually talk to my aunt. She's a bit / incredibly open-minded. ☐
- 8 I don't spend much time with my flatmate – she's a bit / pretty self-centred. ☐

d Choose eight of the compound adjectives in a and write sentences about yourself. Use a suitable modifier from the list. Explain your answers.

a bit extremely incredibly pretty quite
rather really very

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

5 VOCABULARY FROM READING

Complete the missing letters in the words.

- 1 Detectives are searching for clues to help them s o l v e last night's murder.
- 2 She told reporters the ex r n story of how she survived the plane crash.
- 3 It takes six days to reach the r m island of Tristan da Cunha by boat.
- 4 The search party found no tr of the missing climbers.
- 5 The strange geology of the planet Mars continues to b f scientists.

