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LANGUAGE FOCUS • Making comparisons

I can compare sporting achievements.

1 Complete the sentences with the words from the reading text on page 60.

- 1 You should practise bodybuilding regularly and have a good diet this.
- 2 You won't look a famous bodybuilder.
- 3 Can I jump NBA stars?
- 4 You cannot if you do not eat calories them.

2 Look again at exercise 1, then complete the rules with *like, different from, as ... as*.

RULES

- 1 We can use to show something that is **similar** to something else.
- 2 We can use to show something that is **not similar** to something else.
- 3 We can use to express comparison of equality.
- 4 We also use before and after *many / much* + noun.

3 Look at the information about the athletes. Then complete sentences 1–5 using comparative forms of the adjectives.

Florence / Archie (fast)
 Florence was faster than Archie.

- 1 Archie / Carl (fast)
- 2 Carl / Florence (heavy)
- 3 Carl / Archie (good)
- 4 Archie / Florence (tall)
- 5 Archie / Carl (short)

4 Complete the sentences with *like, different from, as ... as*.

- 1 Mandy doesn't play tennis well her sister.
- 2 This art museum is definitely the history museum.
- 3 Do you think learning Spanish is difficult learning German?
- 4 That big animal over there looks an elephant.
- 5 Lan is 1.62 metres tall, but I'm 1.70 metres tall. Her height is mine.

5 USE IT! Work in pairs. Compare opinions about the things in box B using comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives in box A.

I think that Manchester United is a better team than Manchester City.

Really? I think Arsenal is the best team.

A bad boring dangerous exciting
 good healthy horrible intelligent
 interesting scary tasty unhealthy

B animal city food game month
 person on TV programme subject team

Finished?

Make comparisons between two famous athletes you know well. Then compare with a partner.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS
OLYMPIC GREATS

ARCHIE HAHN

(1.67 m, 64 kg)



GOLD MEDALS



EVENTS

60m, 100m, 200m

100 METRE RECORD

11.0 seconds
(1904)

FLORENCE GRIFFITH

(1.70 m, 57 kg)



GOLD MEDALS



EVENTS

100m, 200m, relays

100 METRE RECORD

10.54 seconds
(1988)

CARL LEWIS

(1.88 m, 80 kg)



GOLD MEDALS



EVENTS

100m, 200m,
relays, long jump

100 METRE RECORD

9.86 seconds
(1991)