



ENGLISH ASTIR  
STEPPINGSTONE TO 7.0

# Language focus: Comparison

## Thrill seekers

### Answers



**1**

**1** gentler: 'r' is added. Yes 'more' is possible as the adjective 'gentle' has two syllables.

**2** more immersive: 'more' is added. No, you cannot add an ending as the adjective 'immersive' has more than one syllable.

**2**

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
bad	worse	the worst
good	better	the best
noisy	noisier/more noisy	the noisiest
wet	wetter	the wettest
tasty	tastier	the tastiest
cheap	cheaper	the cheapest
lively	livelier	the liveliest
appetising	more/less appetising	the most/least appetising

**3**

**1** happier

**2** easier

**3** more popular

**4** the most energetic

**5** more difficult

**6** the least/most stressful

**7** more/less important

**8** the fittest

**4**

**1** happiness

**2** ease

**3** popularity

**4** energy

**5** difficulty

**6** stress

**7** importance

**8** fitness

have: happiness, difficulty, importance

need/require: energy, fitness

enjoy: happiness, popularity

experience: difficulty, happiness, stress



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- 1 People who do some physical activity are supposed to enjoy/have greater happiness than less active people.
- 2 Places to do specialist sports can be found with more ease outside cities and towns.
- 3 With more people taking it up, bowling enjoys/has more popularity than it used to.
- 4 Which sport do you think requires/needs the most energy (of all)?
- 5 People have greater difficulty/more difficulties organizing their lives around work nowadays.
- 6 Is work the aspect of modern life that causes the greatest stress?
- 7 Does mental activity have less/more importance than physical activity? / Is mental activity lesser/greater importance than physical activity?
- 8 People don't realize that racing drivers are the individuals with the greatest fitness in sport. / People don't realize that racing drivers are the individuals that have the greatest fitness in sport.

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- 1 ... more exciting than ...
- 2 Correct
- 3 ... more dangerous than ...
- 4 ... fitter ...
- 5 ... the most exciting ...
- 6 Correct
- 7 ... the fittest ...
- 8 Correct
- 9 Correct
- 10 ... more tiring than ...

## Review

1

- 1 livelier; the dullest
- 2 quieter; noisier
- 3 the most energetic, lazier
- 4 the most difficult, easier

2

- 1 popular
- 2 important
- 3 fitter
- 4 better
- 5 sadder
- 6 expensive

