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It's a mystery

Here's something to think about: How come you never see a headline like "Psychic Wins Lottery"? Jay Leno, American comedian and television host

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

V compound adjectives, modifiers

P intonation and sentence rhythm

1 GRAMMAR auxiliary verbs

a Cross out the unnecessary words.



- 1 My mom 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 tag question or an auxiliary.

- 1 A I texted you last night, but you didn't reply.
B I did _____ reply. I texted you right away.
- 2 A I don't feel like cooking tonight.
B Neither _____ I. Let's go out for dinner. I'd love some Mexican food.
A So _____ I. Come on. Let's go.
- 3 A I've seen this movie before.
B Well, I _____.
A Do you mind if I change channels?
B Yes, I _____ mind! I want to see the end.

- 4 A You're going to Sam's party, _____ you?
B No, I'm not.
A Why not? You haven't argued with him again, _____ you?
B Yes. We aren't going out together anymore.

- 5 A I'll be back a little bit late tonight.
B You _____? Where are you going?
A To a concert with some friends.
B Oh, OK. You'll be back before 12, _____ you?
A Of course.

- 6 A You couldn't lend me some money, _____ you?
B No, sorry. Why?
A I spent my entire salary already this month.
B So _____!!

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

- 8 A You aren't from around here, _____ you?
B No, I'm from Australia.
A I don't suppose you like this cold weather.
B Actually, I _____ 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.

- 2 I love the ocean.

- 3 I've never been to Canada.

- 4 I'd like to go on a safari.

- 5 I wasn't interested in history in school.

- 6 I'm good at languages.

- 7 I can swim well.

- 8 I don't exercise at all.

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 _____ invited to their wedding.

B You _____? Neither _____ we.

3 A I _____ enjoy that movie.

B You _____? I _____.

4 A I _____ always very well behaved as a child.

B You _____? I _____.

5 A You _____ forget to call me, _____ you?

B Of course I _____.

6 A I _____ play tennis well.

B You _____? I _____.

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

1 The earlier we set off, the better chance we'll have of avoiding the rush hour traffic.

2 The _____ the class, the _____ the students are to learn something.

3 The _____ you go to bed, the _____ it is to get up in the morning.

4 The _____ north you travel in Canada, the _____ it gets.

5 The _____ the person is for the job, the _____ the salary.

6 The _____ your house, the _____ it takes you to clean it.

4 VOCABULARY compound adjectives, modifiers

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

absentminded ~~bad-tempered~~ big-headed
easygoing good-tempered laid-back narrow-minded
open-minded self-centered strong-willed tight-fisted
two-faced well-balanced well-behaved



1 easily made angry or annoyed

bad-tempered

2 ready to consider new ideas and opinions

3 not willing to spend money

4 often forgetting or not noticing things

5 determined to do what you want to do, even if other people advise you not to

6 relaxed; not easily worried by things

7 sensible and emotionally in control

8 having a very high opinion of how important and smart you are

9 not willing to listen to ideas different from your own

10 dishonest about your feelings; telling people what you think will please them

11 cheerful and not easily made angry

12 thinking only about yourself and not about other people

13 calm; not easily upset by what other people do

14 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 very easygoing. They accept most things I do, without getting upset.
- 2 Tom's wife is very _____. She doesn't seem to let anything worry her.
- 3 Oliver's new girlfriend isn't as crazy as he is. She seems very _____.
- 4 My partner is really _____. He won't listen to other people's ideas.
- 5 Grace never thinks of anyone else because she's so _____.
- 6 My sister-in-law is very _____. 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 _____ about other cultures.
- 8 She's very _____, and if she's decided to become a vegetarian, nothing will stop her.
- 9 When we go out, my friend Jack never offers to pay for gas. I wish he wasn't so _____.
- 10 The new manager seems very _____. 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 _____.
- 12 I've never seen your children being bad. They're really _____.
- 13 Our English teacher never seems to get angry. She's extremely _____.
- 14 It's best not to talk to my brother when he first gets up. He's usually very _____.

c Circle the correct answer. Check (✓) 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 neighbor – she's extremely / incredibly two-faced. ✓
- 3 Some people complain about my kids, but I think they're pretty / a little 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 sure about my new colleague. I find him really / rather big-headed.
- 6 I get along well with my boss. He's very / rather easygoing.
- 7 If I have a problem, I usually talk to my aunt. She's a kind of / incredibly open-minded.
- 8 I don't spend much time with my roommate – she's a kind of / pretty self-centered.

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 little extremely incredibly kind of pretty
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.

