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Questions with the present simple

1 Complete the letter from Dimitri to his English pen-friend. This list will help you. Write two more questions yourself.

LIST

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 live in a town? | 2 have a big house? |
| 3 your house have a garden? | 4 have any brothers or sisters? |
| 5 your mother have a job? | 6 your family have any pets? |
| 7 drink a lot of tea? | 8 watch television every day? |
| 9 have a bicycle? | 10 collect stamps? |
| 11 like pop music? | 12 play a musical instrument? |
| 13 have a personal stereo? | 14 like your school? |
| 15 do homework every day? | 16 speak a second language? |
| 17 your family have a car? | 18 have a computer? |

19 _____ ? 20 _____ ?

Ermou 28,
Thessaloniki,
8th June

Dear Tom,

Hallo! I hope you're O.K. This is my English homework!
My friends and I have a long list of questions for you. I hope you
can answer them. Here they are:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----|
| 1 Do you live in a town? | 2 |
| 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 |

Best wishes

Dimitri

2 You sent a letter to Belinda. This is her reply. What questions did you ask her? The asterisks (*) will help you.

28, Ralton Road,
Abingdon,
Oxfordshire.
22nd June.

Hi!

Thanks for your letter. Here are my answers to your questions.

*I live in Abingdon, near Oxford. *I get up at 7 o'clock in the morning,
*have breakfast at 7.30, and *leave for school at 8.15. *I go to
school by car. *My Dad takes me there, and *school starts at 9 o'clock.
*My favourite lesson is English, and *Miss Johnson, the English teacher
is my favourite teacher. *My best friend's name is Diana.
*My hobbies are stamp-collecting and photography.

*My Dad works in a garage. *My brother doesn't do
anything. *He's only six months old, so *he doesn't have a job!

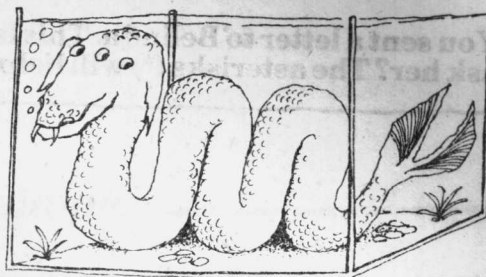
Bye for now,

Belinda

Example: Where do you live?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____
- 13 _____
- 14 _____

3 Professor Nemo discovered a new sea animal yesterday. Newspaper reporters are asking him questions. What do they ask?



Examples:

dangerous? Is it dangerous?

Where/live? Where does it live?

- 1 What/eat? _____
- 2 eat fish? _____
- 3 eat people? _____
- 4 How/breathe? _____
- 5 How/swim? _____
- 6 have/teeth? _____
- 7 intelligent? _____
- 8 attack people? _____
- 9 When/attack people? _____
- 10 Why/have three eyes? _____
- 11 change colour? _____
- 12 Why/change colour? _____
- 13 Why/looking at us? _____
- 14 Why/climbing out of its tank? _____

Questions with the past simple

4 Complete these conversations.

Examples:

A: Did you find your pen?

B: Yes, I found it, thanks.

A: Where did you go last night?

B: I went to my friend's house.

1 A: _____ TV yesterday?

B: No, TV's boring. I never watch it.

2 A: _____ on Saturday?

B: We went to a football match.

3 A: _____ Peter?

B: Yes, but he wasn't in. I can phone again, later.

4 A: _____ your bed this morning?

B: Yes. I make it every morning.

5 A: _____ this morning?

B: At seven o'clock. I always get up at seven o'clock.

6 A: _____ to school yesterday?

B: By bus. I always go by bus.

7 A: _____ my letter?

B: Yes, I posted it last night.

8 A: _____ on Saturday?

B: A record. I bought a new record.

9 A: _____ to Alan's birthday party?

B: No, I didn't go. I was ill.

10 A: _____ your English exam?

B: Yes, of course I passed. It was easy!

Comparison of adjectives

Comparative of adjectives with one syllable + *er* + *than*

Note the exceptions: good – better / bad – worse

1 Complete these sentences.

Example: warm Athens is warmer than Moscow.

- 1 cold Alaska is _____ Texas.
- 2 high Mount Everest is _____ Mount Parnassus.
- 3 tall The Empire State Building is _____ the Eiffel Tower.
- 4 short Pygmies are _____ other people.
- 5 old The Egyptian pyramids are _____ Greek temples.
- 6 young The earth is _____ the sun.
- 7 small Hens' eggs are _____ ducks' eggs.
- 8 rich The USA is _____ Canada.
- 9 poor Arizona is _____ Alabama.
- 10 new Astronomy is _____ astrology.
- 11 quick Jet planes are _____ propeller-driven planes.
- 12 slow Steam trains are _____ diesel trains.
- 13 long The Amazon is _____ the Danube.
- 14 fast Racing cars can go _____ sports cars.
- 15 good Medical knowledge today is _____ it was fifty years ago.
- 16 bad Pollution is _____ it was fifty years ago.

Adjectives like this double the consonant in the comparative form:

big – bigger / fat – fatter

2 Complete these sentences.

Example: big Whales are bigger than elephants.

- 1 hot Summer is _____ spring.
- 2 wet The west of England is _____ the east.
- 3 thin Fashion models are usually _____ other people.
- 4 fat Eating lots of chocolates makes you _____ eating fruit.

Superlative of adjectives with one syllable + *est*

Note: good -- best	big -- biggest
bad -- worst	fat -- fattest

3 Look at the table on the right and complete the sentences with an adjective in the superlative form.

Example: The biggest mammal in the world is the whale.

- 1 The _____ mountain in the world is Mount Everest.
- 2 The _____ place in the world is in the Arctic.
- 3 The _____ animal in the world is the tortoise.
- 4 The _____ place in the world is in Hawaii.
- 5 The _____ river in the world is the Nile.
- 6 The _____ desert in the world is the Sahara.
- 7 The _____ language in the world is Chinese.
- 8 The _____ bird in the world is the humming bird.
- 9 The _____ planet to Earth is Venus.
- 10 The _____ animal in the world is the cheetah.
- 11 The _____ building in the world is the Sears Building in Chicago.
- 12 The _____ lake in Britain is Loch Morar.

cold
fast
large
high
old
wet
near
deep
small
long
big
slow
tall

12

4 Complete Tom's letter. Use the comparative or superlative form of: *bad, big, cold, good, high, new, old, rich, wet*. Write in the and than where necessary.

Royal Hotel,
Edinburgh.
7th May.

Dear Pavlos,

I'm in Scotland now. It's colder and wetter than in England. We're staying at _____ be _____ hotel in Edinburgh. It's bi _____ and ne _____ our hotel in London. Only _____ ri _____ people stay here! We visited St Andrews yesterday. It's _____ of _____ university in Scotland. Tomorrow I'm going to Ben Nevis, _____ hi _____ mountain in Scotland. I hope the weather gets be _____. It's _____ w _____ weather for twelve years!

Bye Tom.

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Comparative and superlative of adjectives with two syllables

Comparative with **er + than** and superlative with **the + est**

Remember: adjectives which end in **y** change **y** to **i**

clever – clever**er** – the clever**est**

pretty – prett**ier** – the prett**iest**

lazy – laz**ier** – the laz**iest**

noisy – nois**ier** – the – the nois**iest**

friendly – friendl**ier** – the friendl**iest**

5 Write sentences. Use the adjectives in the box below.

clever noisy funny friendly lazy

Example:



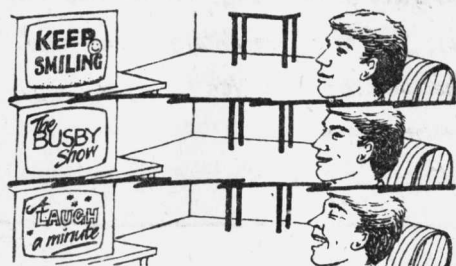
Peter is lazier than Mike, but Steve is the laziest boy in the class.

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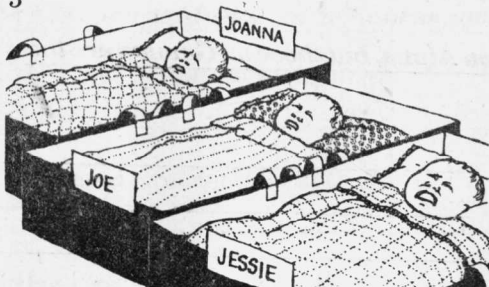
girl in the family.

2



programme on TV.

3



_____ baby in the room.

4



_____ person in the office.

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Comparative and superlative of adjectives with three syllables

Comparative with **more** and superlative with **the most**

Example: intelligent – **more** intelligent – **the most** intelligent.

6 Alpha, Beta and Gamma are three new planets.
What do we know about them?

		Alpha	Beta	Gamma
1 Intelligent beings		X	X X	X X X
2 Terrible storms		X X X	X	X X
3 Beautiful mountains		X X	X X X	X
4 Dangerous animals		X	X X X	X X
5 Difficult language		X X X	X X	X
6 Horrible insects		X X	X	X X X

Example:

- 1 The beings on Beta are more intelligent than on Alpha, but those on Gamma are the most intelligent.



3 _____

5 _____

2 _____

4 _____

6 _____

Comparison with *as ... as ...*

As + adjective + as: Example: Kate's *as* intelligent *as* Linda.

Not as + adjective + as: Example: Kate's *not as* intelligent *as* Teresa.

- 7 How good are Simon, Andreas and Mario at these sports?
Answer the questions.

Simon						
Andreas						
Mario						

Example: How good is Andreas at playing football?

He's as good as Mario, but he's not as good as Simon.

1 How good is Mario at swimming?

2 How good is Simon at basketball?

3 How good is Mario at tennis?

4 How good is Andreas at table-tennis?

5 How good is Mario at golf?

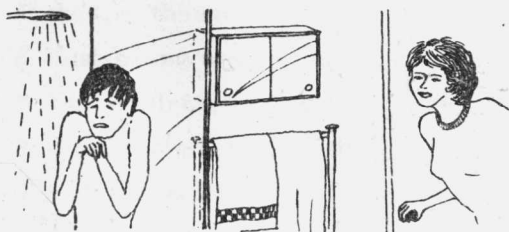
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Adjectives with too, enough

too + adjective / *not* + adjective + *enough*

8 Complete with *too* or *not enough*.

Example: water / hot?



A: Is the water too hot?

B: No, it's not hot enough.

1 television / loud?



A: _____

B: _____

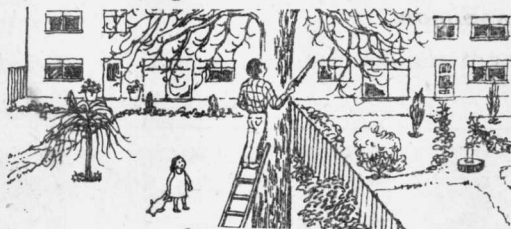
2 we go / fast?



A: _____

B: _____

3 ladder / long?



A: _____

B: _____

4 dress / big?



A: _____

B: _____

5 exam / difficult?



A: _____

B: _____

3

Present perfect of regular verbs

To form the present perfect we use *have* and the *past participle*.

Affirmative

Long form	Short form
I have finished you have finished he/she/it has finished we/you/they have finished	I've finished you've finished he's/she's/it's finished we've/you've/they've finished

1 Complete.

Example: film/start

Long form

The film has started.

Short form

The film's started.

1 lesson/finish.

2 Bill and Peter/arrive.

3 we/wash all the dishes.

4 I/clean my bicycle.

5 she/open the envelope.

6 I/listen to my new record.

7 Tom/repair the television.

8 Anna/ask Dave to her party.

9 I/answer her letter.

10 Sue/type the report.



Negative

Long form	Short form
I have not finished you have not finished he/she/it has not finished we/you/they have not finished	I haven't finished you haven't finished he/she/it hasn't finished we/you/they haven't finished

2 Complete.

Example: Peter/not wash car.

Long form

Peter has not washed the car.

Short form

Peter hasn't washed the car.

1 I/not open your letter.

Long form

Short form

- | | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| 2 They/not answer my note. | _____ | _____ |
| 3 The football match/not start. | _____ | _____ |
| 4 Karen/not ask to leave school early. | _____ | _____ |
| 5 We/not clean our shoes. | _____ | _____ |
| 6 They/not repair the stereo. | _____ | _____ |
| 7 Your new bike/not arrive. | _____ | _____ |
| 8 I/not finish my coffee. | _____ | _____ |
| 9 Jill/not listen to your new cassette. | _____ | _____ |
| 10 John/not phone Mike. | _____ | _____ |

Questions and short answers

Have you finished? – Yes, I have./No, I haven't.

3 Look at the lists and continue the conversation.

Mum

- 1 Clean kitchen
- 2 Wash hair ✓
- 3 Post letters
- 4 Repair vacuum-cleaner ✓
- 5 Start new book

Dad

- 1 Wash car ✓
- 2 Paint bathroom
- 3 Repair electric fire ✓
- 4 Phone the garage
- 5 Watch football match on TV ✓

Example:

1 Mum: Have you washed the car?

Dad: Yes, I have.

Dad: Have you cleaned the kitchen?

Mum: No, I haven't.

2 Mum: _____

Dad: _____

Dad: _____

Mum: _____

3 Mum: _____

Dad: _____

Dad: _____

Mum: _____