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Reading (Reading)

<p>Jason is more active than Kevin in the class. (Jason is more active than Kevin in the class.)</p>	<p>This cellphone is cheap, but that one is cheaper. (This cellphone is cheap, but that one is cheaper.)</p>
<p>Blood is thicker than water. (Blood is thicker than water.)</p>	<p>Your presentation is nicer than mine. (Your presentation is nicer than mine.)</p>

<p>I am less intelligent than you. (I am less intelligent than you.)</p>	<p>I am less tall than you. (I am less tall than you.)</p>
<p>Try this question. It is less difficult. (Try this question. It is less difficult.)</p>	<p>It is less expensive than I thought. (It is less expensive than I thought.)</p>
<p>Is this TV cheaper than the one over there? (Is this TV cheaper than the one over there?)</p>	<p>Is Alex better than Anna at cooking? (Is Alex better than Anna at cooking?)</p>
<p>Do you feel more comfortable in my room than in your room? (Do you feel more comfortable in my room than in your room?)</p>	<p>Is Mathematics less difficult than History? (Is Mathematics less difficult than History?)</p>

Grammar focus (Grammar focus)

- ❖ Use “adjective/adverb + er” or “more + adjective/adverb” to describe that one thing/person is better than another. This is called the comparative degree.

E.g.) You are taller than Tom. (You are taller than Tom.)

You are more active than Tom. (You are more active than Tom.)

- ❖ Use “less + adjective/adverb” to describe that one thing/person is worse than another.

E.g.) You are less tall than Tom. (You are less tall than Tom.)

You are less active than Tom. (You are less active than Tom.)

- ❖ Some adjectives/adverbs change irregularly. For example, “good” changes to “better”, and “bad” changes to “worse”.

E.g.) Your score is better than Tom’s. (Your score is better than Tom’s.)

Tom’s score is worse than yours. (Tom’s score is worse than yours.)

Speaking (Speaking)

- 1) Your health is more important than money.
(Your health is more important than money.)
- 2) Jack is more intelligent than Emily. (Jack is more intelligent than Emily.)
- 3) Jake, I can't hear you. Please speak louder.
(Jake, I can't hear you. Please speak louder.)
- 4) My apartment is smaller than yours. (My apartment is smaller than yours.)
- 5) I am less hungry today than I was yesterday.
(I am less hungry today than I was yesterday.)
- 6) My favorite writer is less popular than your favorite writer.
(My favorite writer is less popular than your favorite writer.)
- 7) Is your house bigger than mine? (Is your house bigger than mine ?)
- 8) Are you stronger than your older sister?
(Are you stronger than your older sister ?)
- 9) Is Spanish more difficult than English? (Is Spanish more difficult than English ?)
- 10) You play tennis better than I do. (You play tennis better than I do.)

Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Write the correct comparative degree of each adjective in the blanks. Use the given words in the parenthesis.

1) This magazine is _____, but that one is _____. (cheap)

(This magazine is cheap, but that one is cheaper.)

2) The first movie we have watched was interesting, but the second one was _____. (interesting)

(The first movie we have watched was interesting, but the second one was more interesting.)

3) The car I bought last year was expensive, but the one I bought this year was _____. (expensive)

(The car I bought last year was expensive, but the one I bought this year was more expensive.)

4) Your brother is tall, but you are still _____ than him. (tall)

(Your brother is tall, but you are still taller than him.)

5) I'm going to cook, it is _____. (tiring)

(I'm going to cook, it is less tiring.)

6) Is it _____ today than yesterday? (cool)

(Is it cooler today than yesterday ?)

7) The doctor is _____, but the lawyer is _____. (rich)

(The doctor is rich, but the lawyer is richer.)

8) Do you feel _____ talking to me than to Lisa?

(comfortable)

(Do you feel less comfortable talking to me than to Lisa ?)

9) This swimming pool is _____ than I thought. (deep)

(This swimming pool is deeper than I thought.)

10) You look _____ than yesterday. (good)

(You look better than yesterday.)

11) The safety of this town is _____ than that of Osaka. (bad)

(The safety of this town is worse than that of Osaka.)

Translating (Translating)

Translate these sentences into English.

- 1) The movie was more interesting than the original book.
- 2) Girls' hair is usually longer than boys' hair.
- 3) My room is cleaner than his room because I clean it more often.
- 4) Of the two books I have read, this one is more interesting.
- 5) Greg can deliver speeches better than Alex. (useful vocabulary: deliver a speech = deliver a speech)
- 6) Kelly will be less fat after she starts going to the gym.
- 7) Did you order a bigger cake than usual?
- 8) Is this bed wider than your bed? (useful vocabulary: wide = wide)
- 9) Gab is less responsible than Mark. (useful vocabulary: responsible = responsible)
- 10) Is your sister better than you at making a living? (useful vocabulary: making a living = making a living)