

Reading

1a **VOCABULARY** Find words in the word search to complete the compound adjectives.

R	O	Q	B	L	O	W	I	N	G	U	Y
Y	A	L	P	V	S	G	Z	N	Q	Y	H
X	M	I	D	Y	N	G	I	L	R	Y	K
X	C	V	S	I	N	Y	E	V	N	M	W
U	D	Y	M	I	O	U	Y	X	S	B	E
C	N	R	N	R	N	E	C	K	P	P	S
T	A	E	T	L	J	G	R	O	L	H	K
W	P	S	C	A	T	C	H	I	N	G	K
O	E	R	G	P	B	I	T	I	N	G	V
D	S	P	L	I	T	T	I	N	G	U	P
O	U	Z	C	J	A	U	L	S	A	U	F
E	J	S	T	O	P	P	I	N	G	P	M

- 1 ear- splitting
- 2 mind- blowing
- 3 hair- raising
- 4 heart- warming
- 5 heart- stopping
- 6 eye- opening
- 7 eye- catching
- 8 soul- destroying
- 9 nail- biting
- 10 break neck

1b Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 The actress wore a very eye-opening eye-catching dress to the film premiere.
- 2 The child's kindness was soul-warming heart-warming. He donated all his pocket-money to charity.
- 3 I learnt so many new things in the science lecture – it was really eye-opening eye-catching.
- 4 I was just about to print out my end-of-year project when my computer crashed. It was totally mind-blowing soul-destroying.
- 5 The noise the crowd made when their team won was so loud it was ear-splitting ear-opening.
- 6 When the two young boys saw that their football had broken their neighbour's window, they ran away at break-neck nail-biting speed.

1c Complete the sentences with the compounds from 1a.

- 1 It was a NAIL-BITING end to the race. We didn't know Rob had won until the officials looked at a photo of the finish.
- 2 The film was MIND-BLOWING. It was crazy and powerful and utterly compelling.
- 3 The science programme was EYE-OPENING. It showed me things I'd never thought of before.
- 4 The new ride at the theme park wasn't fast, but it was HAIR-RAISING never been so scared and excited in my life!
- 5 It was a HEART WARMING story. I love it when a story has a great feel-good ending.
- 6 The damage the fire caused was SOUL-DESTROYING after all the hard work we'd done designing and decorating the house.
- 7 Everyone looked at the poster because it was really EYE-CATCHING.
- 8 When a child ran into the road in front of my car it was a HEART-STOPPING moment. Luckily, I managed to stop in time.
- 9 The ambulance got to the hospital really quickly because it drove at BREAK-NECK speed.
- 10 When the band played, it was EAR-SPLITTING. I didn't expect the music to be so loud.

1 Match the uses (1-3) with two of the examples (a-f).

- 1 We use past participles as an alternative to the passive.
 - 2 We use present participles to talk about actions happening at the same time.
 - 3 We use the perfect form of present participles to say that one activity happened before another.
- a **Having done** over 2,500 jumps, James was an extremely experienced skydiver.
 - b **Known** as 'the land of fire and ice', Kamchatka has 29 active volcanoes.
 - c **Wearing** a viewfinder over his left eye to frame the video, James began filming.
 - d **Lying** in the snow, James became very cold.
 - e **Fitted** with a special metal back brace, he was able to get up and walk within a week.
 - f **Having survived** the accident, James nevertheless wants to jump again.

b e
c d
a f

2 Are these statements about using participles True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 The subject of the participle clause and the other part of the sentence are often different.
- 2 Both present and past participles can be used instead of the passive form.
- 3 The present participle and the perfect form refer to different time sequences.

T/F
T/F
T/F

3 Circle the correct alternative.

- 1 Striking Struck by a golf ball, Sam was unconscious for a few minutes.
- 2 Having walked Walking in the park, I noticed a lot of people jogging.
- 3 Speaking Having spoken to my boss, I left work early for the football match.
- 4 Playing Having played tennis all day, I was exhausted.
- 5 Confusing Confused by the directions, I took the wrong turning.
- 6 Distracting Distracted by the children, Mum forgot to switch on the oven.
- 7 Having picked Picking up the broken pieces of glass, I cut my hand.
- 8 Watched Watching by his coach, Dan played his best football.



Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. Use between three and six words, including the word given.

- 1 When they told me I had to wait for at least 30 minutes, I decided to come back another day. **been**
HAVING BEEN TOLD THAT I had to wait for at least 30 minutes, I decided to come back another day.
- 2 Jack pretended to understand everything because he didn't want to look silly. **not**
NOT WANTING TO LOOK SILLY Jack pretended to understand everything.
- 3 Poor ticket sales were worrying the organisers and therefore they offered some special deals for groups. **by**
WORRIED BY POOR TICKET SALES, the organisers offered some special deals for groups.
- 4 Jenny hoped to impress her interviewers and that's why she wore her best suit. **make**
HOPING TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION on her interviewers, Jenny wore her best suit.
- 5 They chose Daniel to play in the final and he went on to score three goals! **after**
AFTER BEING CHOSEN TO PLAY in the final, he went on to score three goals.
- 6 You must wear gloves if you use this cleaner on your sports shoes. **when**
WHEN USING THIS CLEANER your sports shoes, you must wear gloves.
- 7 Miranda's teacher told her off because she had woken up late. **was**
HAVING WOKEN UP LATE, MIRANDA WAS told off by her teacher.
- 8 We won the tennis match easily and then we had a good celebration. **after**
AFTER WINNING THE TENNIS MATCH EASILY, we had a good celebration.

GRAMMAR CHALLENGE

- 5 Find and correct the mistakes. Some sentences are correct.
- 1 I was determined to improve my game after having watched the match on TV.
 - 2 By 8 pm I'll have being working for eight hours.
 - 3 Having left in the sunshine, the ice cream quickly melted.
 - 4 I needn't have worried about doing the interview - I got the job.
 - 5 When doing an extreme sport you often need to wear special safety equipment.
 - 6 We can't afford buying a new car, although our old one keeps breaking down.
 - 7 I can learn to drive now, been seventeen.
 - 8 Given out a test, the teacher left the classroom for five minutes.

1 Look at the examples and complete the rules with these words.

as • can • changes • comparative • countable
modify • must • superlatives • uncountable

- We use *less* with **UNCOUNTABLE** nouns and *fewer* with **COUNTABLE** nouns.
 - Far fewer people do sufficient exercise nowadays.
 - I spend less time worrying about things.
- We use *as ... as* to say two things are the same. We use *not as ... as/not so ... as* to say the second person/thing is more ... than the first. After a negative, we **CAN** use *so* or *as*. However, in a positive sentence we **MUST** use *as*.
 - I wasn't nearly so active as I used to be.
- After the expression (not) *the same ...* we use **AS** to finish the comparison.
 - It's not the same doing things for yourself as doing them for others.
- We use double comparatives to talk about continuing **CHANGES**.
 - Life just gets better and better.
 - More and more people are taking up meditation to help reduce stress.
- We use *the + comparative, the + comparative* to talk about two things that happen together.
 - The better I get at meditation, the more aware I am of my feelings.
- We can use *slightly, considerably, a bit, a lot, a great deal, much, far, twice/three times, etc.* to **MODIFY** comparatives.
 - Having more money did not make me a great deal happier.
 - I got considerably stronger.
- We can use *by far, easily, by a long way* to modify **SUPERLATIVES**.
 - I found that by far the most important thing for improving low mood was regular exercise.
- We can use *quite, nearly, almost, just, twice/three times, nowhere near, nothing like* to modify (not) *as ... as*.
 - It wasn't nearly as difficult as I'd imagined.

2 Circle the correct alternative.

- The higher the jump, the more/most exciting the skydive is.
- My friend Sally has the same sports instructor than/as you.
- At this time of year, the evenings get long/longer and longer and it stays light until considerably/quite later.
- Bungee jumping is the scarier/scariest sport I know.
- The event was almost/slightly as interesting this year as last year.
- We tend to drink far less/fewer water than we should.

I believe meditating is slightly better/best for you than doing exercise.

I think skydiving is by far/far the most exciting sport I've ever done.

3 Rewrite the sentences starting with the words given.

- Greg has played more basketball games than I have this season.
I HAVE PLAYED FEWER BASKETBALL GAMES THAN GREG HAS THIS SEASON.
- You'll get fitter if you work out more often.
THE MORE YOU WORK OUT, THE FITTER YOU GET.
- It's quieter in the countryside than it is by the beach.
IT ISN'T AS/SO QUIET AT THE BEACH AS IT IS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.
- A hotel gives you more comfort than a tent.
A TENT DOESN'T GIVE AS MUCH COMFORT/THE SAME COMFORT AS THE HOTEL.
- It takes more time to cycle to the forest than it does to go by car.
GOING BY CAR TO THE FOREST TAKES LESS TIME THAN CYCLING.

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4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. Use between three and six words, including the word given.

- I get confused by the number of different road signs on this short stretch of road. **what**
WHAT CONFUSES ME IS the number of different road signs on this short stretch of road.
- The new advertising campaign for sportswear really impressed me. **by**
I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED BY the new advertising campaign for sportswear.
- We must hire someone to replace this cracked window. **replaced**
WE MUST GET THIS CRACKED WINDOW REPLACED.
- The number of speed cameras has decreased a lot this year. **far**
THERE ARE FAR FEWER SPEED CAMERAS this year.
- 'What have you been working on?' Dave asked. **me**
DAVE ASKED ME WHAT I HAD BEEN WORKING ON.
- You'll be happier if you do more exercise. **more**
THE MORE YOU DO EXERCISE, the happier you'll be.
- I haven't seen Diana for about three weeks. **last**
I LAST SAW DIANA ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO
- My strength has increased a lot compared to how it used to be. **considerably**
I AM CONSIDERABLY STRONGER THAN I USED TO BE.
- Don't do the last exercise if you haven't got time. **unless**
DON'T DO THE LAST EXERCISE UNLESS YOU HAVE TIME
- Jason is a better footballer than Alex. **as**
ALEX IS NOT AS GOOD A FOOTBALLER AS JASON.