

### 1 Choose the correct option in sentence B so that it has the same meaning as sentence A.

- 1 **A** The recent tsunami was not nearly as strong as the one in 2015.  
**B** The 2015 tsunami was *a little stronger / far stronger* than the recent one.
- 2 **A** April was a good deal hotter than March.  
**B** March was *slightly colder / far colder* than April.
- 3 **A** Canada is almost as cold as Siberia at this time of year.  
**B** Siberia is *a bit colder / a great deal colder* than Canada at this time of year.
- 4 **A** Last week's tornado was easily the most destructive in Texas ever.  
**B** Last week's tornado was *possibly / by far* the most destructive in Texas ever.
- 5 **A** Statistically earthquakes are a bit more dangerous than wildfires.  
**B** Statistically wildfires are *not nearly / nearly as* dangerous as earthquakes.

### 2 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 I'm not (quite) / *almost / far* as fast as I used to be.
- 2 Chicago is windier *as / that / than* London.
- 3 It's *slightly / almost / far* as cold as it was yesterday.
- 4 This year's wildfires are a good deal *worse / worst / bad*.
- 5 The *longer / longest / long* the river, the more water it carries.
- 6 The tornado was a *greater / great / greatest* deal more powerful than predicted.
- 7 I'm not *slightly / nearly / easily* as tall as my brother.

### 3 Match 1-6 to A-G. There is one extra option.

- 1 This September was by far F.
- 2 The sea is far .....
- 3 The Sahara is easily the .....
- 4 The longer a wildfire lasts, .....
- 5 The volcano is a good .....
- 6 France is not nearly as .....

- A** more powerful than we realise.
- B** quite cooler in the past.
- C** deal more active now than it used to be.
- D** prone to earthquakes as Japan.
- E** largest non-polar desert.
- F** the wettest in India's history.
- G** the more dangerous it becomes.

### 4 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 The film was far better that I expected.  
*The film was far better than I expected.*
- 2 Brazil is almost so big as the USA.  
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- 3 It is healthier, cheaper and far more safer than driving a car.  
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- 4 The Earth is a bit of wider around the equator.  
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- 5 Reptiles can run almost as fast than lions.  
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- 6 The larger the volcano, the most dangerous it is.  
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### 5 Match the two parts of the expressions in the boxes. Then complete the text with them.

isn't nearly  
the more  
a great  
~~not~~  
by far  
slightly

deal more populated  
the tallest  
it melts  
faster  
as green as  
~~as cold as~~

The Arctic and Antarctic are poles apart! The Arctic is <sup>1</sup> not as cold as the Antarctic, mostly due to differences in height. The Antarctic is <sup>2</sup> ..... continent on Earth with an average height of 2,300 m! Because of its climate, Antarctica <sup>3</sup> ..... the north: only two flowering plants grow there, compared to 900 in the Arctic. What about people? Well the Arctic is <sup>4</sup> .....: 4 million inhabitants, compared to Antarctica's 45,000 summer visitors. And in the race to the Poles, who reached them first? In the north it was either Frederick Cook in 1908 or Robert Peary in 1909. They were <sup>5</sup> ..... than Roald Amundsen, who arrived in Antarctica in 1911. The Arctic is in fact just a sheet of ice and <sup>6</sup> ....., the less heat gets reflected, so the planet warms. Scientists are very worried about this.

### 1

- 2 far colder
- 3 a bit colder
- 4 by far
- 5 nearly

### 2

- 2 than
- 3 almost
- 4 worse
- 5 longer
- 6 great
- 7 nearly

### 3

- 2 A
- 3 E
- 4 G
- 5 C
- 6 D

Not needed: B

### 4

- 2 Brazil is almost **as** big as the USA.
- 3 It is healthier, cheaper and far **safer** than driving a car.
- 4 The Earth is **a bit** wider around the equator.
- 5 Reptiles can run almost as fast **as** lions.
- 6 The larger the volcano, the **more** dangerous it is.

### 5

- 2 by far the tallest
- 3 isn't nearly as green as
- 4 a great deal more populated
- 5 slightly faster
- 6 the more it melts