Comparing solutions

1 **Look at the prices of four items in a range: Aqua, Bounti, Cresta and Delite. Then complete each sentence with a form of the word in brackets plus any of these words that are necessary: *and, as, least, less, more, most, than, the*.**

Aqua €100
Bounti €150
Cresta €150
Delite €200

1 Cresta is *cheaper than* (cheap) Delite.
2 Cresta is _____ (expensive) Delite.
3 Bounti is just _____ (expensive) Cresta.
4 Cresta is expensive, but not _____ (expensive) Delite.
5 Bounti is _____ (expensive) Aqua.
6 Aqua is _____ (cheap) of all the items.
7 Delite is _____ (expensive) of all the items.
8 Aqua is _____ (expensive) of all the items.
9 As you move from Aqua to Delite, the prices get _____ (expensive).
10 As you move from Delite to Aqua, the prices get _____ (cheap).

2 **Complete this table of irregular comparatives and superlatives. Sometimes it is the spelling which is irregular.**

	comparative	superlative
1 good	b_____	the b_____
2 bad	w_____	the w_____
3 big	b_____	the b_____
4 healthy	h_____	the h_____
5 far	fu_____	the fu_____

3 **Fill in each gap with *as, of* or *than*.**

1 X is far more expensive _____ Y.
2 X is almost as expensive _____ Y.
3 X is a little more expensive _____ Y.
4 X is a fraction of the price _____ Y.
5 X is slightly more expensive _____ Y.
6 X is a lot more expensive _____ Y.
7 X is not nearly as expensive _____ Y.
8 X is nearly as expensive _____ Y.

4 **Now match two phrases from Exercise 3 with each set of prices below.**

a) X costs €300, Y costs €100. ☐☐
b) X costs €120, Y costs €100. ☐☐
c) X costs €90, Y costs €100. ☐☐
d) X costs €30, Y costs €100. ☐☐

5 **Underline the correct words in bold.**

1 Excuse me, where's **the next/the nearest** post office?
2 Get ready – we have to get out at **the next/the nearest** stop.
3 Have you seen this amazing mobile phone? It's **the last/the latest** model.
4 That mobile phone company is being taken over. Your phone is probably **the last/the latest** model they will make using that brand name.

6 **We often use a superlative with the present perfect. Rewrite the sentences beginning as shown.**

1 I have never been to such a boring meeting.
That was *the most boring meeting I have ever been to*.
2 I have never used software as user-friendly as this.
This is _____.
3 I have never worked with such a friendly team.
They are _____.
4 I have never seen documentation as bad as this.
This is _____.

7 **We can use a comparative form to say that a change in one thing is linked to a change in another. Put a tick (✓) if the form is correct, put a cross (✗) if it is not.**

1 The older I get, *less* I want to go to the discotheque.
2 The older I get, *it's less* I want to go to the discotheque.
3 The older I get, *the less* I want to go to the discotheque.
4 The older I get, I want to go to the discotheque *each time less*.

8 **Rewrite the sentences using *the ... the ...***

1 You pay more for your Internet connection depending on how fast it is.
The faster your Internet connection, the more you pay (for it).
2 We spend less time watching TV as we use the Internet more.
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3 How much can go wrong depends on the complexity of the network.
_____
4 I don't spend much time with my friends because I work so hard.
_____
5 The idea becomes less attractive as I think about it more.
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