

# 6 GRAMMAR STANDARD

## 1 Complete the sentences with a phrase from the list.

far bigger than | as important as | just as smart as  
far better | a lot fresher | not nearly as long as

- 0 New York City is far bigger than Paris.  
1 New planes are \_\_\_\_\_ than old ones.  
2 The Mississippi River is \_\_\_\_\_ the Nile.  
3 Kids nowadays are \_\_\_\_\_ their parents.  
4 The air is \_\_\_\_\_ in the forest.  
5 Eating well is \_\_\_\_\_ doing exercise.

## 2 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 0 dependent / technology / people / becoming / more / on / more / and / are / .  
People are becoming more and more dependent on technology.  
1 read / smarter / get / more / we / we / the / the / .  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2 better / computers / getting / better / and / are / .  
\_\_\_\_\_  
3 the / ticket / the / cheaper / the / service / worse / the / .  
\_\_\_\_\_  
4 faster / cars / getting / are / and / faster / .  
\_\_\_\_\_  
5 world / getting / smaller / the / smaller / is / and / .  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Rewrite the sentences using "... and ..." expressions.

- 0 It's very difficult to get a loan lately.  
It's more and more difficult to get a loan lately.  
1 Every year, new cars are cheaper to buy.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2 Smartphones are always getting better.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
3 Every year, skaters do crazier stunts.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
4 It's safer to live in cities nowadays.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
5 Every year, I get busier.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 4 Match the sentence halves.

- 0 The less the homework, b  
1 The bigger the house, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 The more powerful the car, \_\_\_\_\_  
3 The softer the bed, \_\_\_\_\_  
4 The more crowded a bus is, \_\_\_\_\_  
5 The slower you drive, \_\_\_\_\_

- a the more comfortable it is.  
b ~~the more popular the class.~~  
c the longer it takes to get there.  
d the more expensive the bills are.  
e the hotter it gets.  
f the more dangerous it is.

## 5 Choose the correct option.

- 0 However / Although we just met, we've become great friends.  
1 Even though / Despite I don't like eggs, I eat them for protein.  
2 Dogs are great. Nevertheless / Although, I would never want one.  
3 We went to the beach even though / however the weather was bad.  
4 I made dinner. Even though / However, nobody was hungry.  
5 Despite / However knowing the language, I was embarrassed to speak.

## 6 Correct the mistakes.

- 0 He isn't near as tall as Shaq.  
He isn't nearly as tall as Shaq.  
1 The bigger they are, they fall harder.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2 I work more and more hard every day.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
3 I find math difficult. Never the less, I have to take it at school.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
4 Despite not to play golf, he knew a lot about it.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
5 All though she owns a bike, she never cycles.  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Answer Key

### 1

- 1 far better
- 2 not nearly as long as
- 3 just as smart as
- 4 a lot fresher
- 5 as important as

### 2

- 1 The more we read, the smarter we get.
- 2 Computers are getting better and better.
- 3 The cheaper the ticket, the worse the service.
- 4 Cars are getting faster and faster.
- 5 The world is getting smaller and smaller.

### 3

- 1 Every year, new cars are cheaper and cheaper to buy.
- 2 Smartphones are always getting better and better.
- 3 Every year, skaters' stunts get crazier and crazier.
- 4 Cities are safer and safer nowadays.
- 5 Every year, I get busier and busier.

### 4

- 1 d
- 2 f
- 3 a
- 4 e
- 5 c

### 5

- 1 Even though
- 2 Nevertheless
- 3 even though
- 4 However,
- 5 Despite

### 6

- 1 The bigger they are, the harder they fall.
- 2 I work harder and harder every day.
- 3 I find math difficult. Nevertheless, I have to take it at school.
- 4 Despite not playing golf, he knew a lot about it.
- 5 Although she owns a bike, she never cycles.