**Deliberate Word Choice Practice**

**Adding Specific Details to Enhance**

1. I was so thirsty after practice on a hot afternoon that I drank two gallons of ( soda / ice cold lemonade / liquid ).
2. Exhausted from a long night of studying, I stopped for ( a coffee / some caffeine / a hot mocha latte ) on the way to school.

**Substitute with More Vivid Language**

1. The coach ( said / exclaimed ) that he was disappointed in the team’s performance.
2. He ( was mad at / lashed out at ) the players for not doing their best.
3. The players were later ( happy / joyful ) when they went undefeated.

**Your Turn…**Edit the following paragraph to make it more descriptive and detailed. Remember, you can change verbs, add adjectives, add adverbs, and even add specific details.

The boy and girl sat on the beach and watched the sun set. The waves came in to the shore in little ripples, making quiet sounds in the background. He opened a can of cold soda and handed it to her. They said the sunset was pretty, all red, purple, and orange. They watched until the sun was gone, then they went home.

**Comparative Superlative Practice**

Directions: Put the **adjective in bold** from the first sentence into the second sentence in its correct form (comparative or superlative).  
 Example: I have a **fast** car, but my friend has a car.  
 Answer: I have a **fast** car, but my friend has a ***faster*** car.

1) This is a **nice** cat. It's much than my friend's cat.

2) Here is Emily. She's six years **old**. Her brother is nine, so he is .

3) This is a **difficult** exercise. But the last exercise is the one of all.

4) He has an **interesting** hobby, but my sister has the hobby in the world.

5) Last week I read a **good** book, but father gave me an even one last weekend.

6) That movie was **bad**, but the movie I saw last week was .

7) Surfing is a **dangerous** hobby. Bungee jumping is than surfing.

8) This magazine is **cheap**, but that one is .

9) We live in a **small** house, but my grandparents' house is even than ours.

10) Yesterday John told me a **funny** joke. This joke was the joke I've ever heard.

Directions: Complete each sentence with the **correct form of the adverb** that is in parentheses.

Example: Our father arrived home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the rest of the family. (*late*)   
Answer: Our father arrived home later than the rest of the family.

11) My sister sang \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than Amanda did. (*beautifully*)

12) Your husband, Ken, writes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all. (*well*)

13) Mrs. Henderson speaks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than Mrs. Alarcon. (*clearly*)

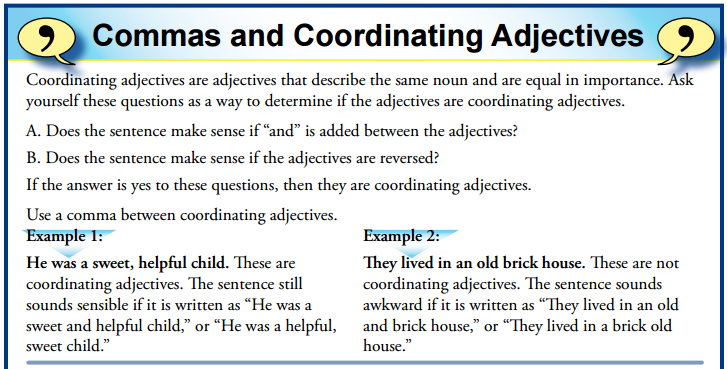
14) Mother prepares turkey \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than Father does. (*well*)

15) He checked his answers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than she did. (*carefully*)

16) Angelica speaks Spanish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all the students. (*correctly*)

17) Percy talks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than Jennifer. (*frequently*)

18) She danced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all. (*gracefully*)



**Directions:** Rewrite each of the sentences and add commas where they are needed.

1. We went down the long dirt road.

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1. The quiet respectful class listened to the guest speaker.  
     
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2. The mighty winter storm howled through the night  
     
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3. They liked the fun surprise party.  
     
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4. The choir sang a happy merry song.  
     
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5. I could really go for a hot delicious pepperoni pizza right about now.  
     
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