

UNIT 13: THE 22ND SEA GAMES

VOCABULARY:

1. **athlete (n)** /'æθli:t/: someone who is good at sports, especially athletics, and takes part in sports competitions
→ (n)
→ (adj)
→ (adv)
2. **break a record**: to do something that is better, faster etc. than anything that has been done before
3. **clear (v)** /kliə(r)/: to go over, under, or past an object without touching it
→ (adj) (+of)
4. **compose (v)** /kəm'pəʊz/: to be the parts that something is made of
be composed of /kəm'pəʊz/: to be formed from various things =
5. **countryman – countrymen (n)** /'kʌntrɪmən/: someone who is from the same country as you
6. **deal (n)** /di:l/: a formal agreement, especially in business or politics
→ (v)
7. **defend (v)** /dɪ'fend/ (**sb/sth from / against sth**): to protect sb or sth from attack; to attempt to win a competition that you won last time in order to keep your position as winner
→ (n)
→ (n)
→ (adj)
→ (adv)
8. **enthusiast (n)** /ɪnʃ'θju:æst/: someone who is very interested in something or excited by it and spends time doing it or learning about it
→ (n)
→ (adj)
→ (adv)
9. **host (v)** /həʊst/: to organize and arrange a special event and provide the area, buildings, equipment, or services needed for it
→ (n)
10. **midfielder (n)** /'mɪd,fi:ldə(r)/: a player who plays in midfield (the middle part of the field in football and other games played with a ball)
11. **milkmaid (n)** /'mɪlk,meɪd/: a woman whose job is to milk cows
12. **outstanding (a)** /aʊt'stændɪŋ/: extremely good or impressive =
→ (adv)
13. **overwhelming (a)** /,əʊvə(r)'welɪŋ/: much larger, stronger, more important etc. than anything else in a situation
→ (v)
→ (adv)

14. **podium (n)** /'pəʊdiəm/: a small raised area where someone stands to give a speech or conduct an orchestra
15. **pole vaulting (n)** : a sport in which you use a long pole to push yourself over a high bar
16. **precision (n)** /prɪ'sɪʒ(ə)n/: the quality of being very accurate and exact
 → (adj)
 → (adv)
17. **propose (v)** /prə'pəʊz/: suggest a plan, idea or action
 → (n)
18. **rival (n)** /'raɪv(ə)l/: a person, team, or business that competes with another
 → (v)
 → (adj)
19. **tempting (a)** /'temptɪŋ/: used for describing something that makes you feel you would like to have it or to do it
 → (n)
 → (v)
 → (adv)
20. **title (n)** /'taɪt(ə)l/: the position of a winner in a sports competition

Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the words: *tempting, athlete, host, clear, compose, enthusiast, overwhelming, propose, rival, defend.*

1. Fatima was one of Britain's top track and field
2. One horse failed to the gate and was injured.
3. Muscle is of two different types of protein.
4. She will be her Wimbledon title later this month.
5. Business leaders gave an welcome to the proposal.
6. Sydney the Olympic Games in 2000.
7. An majority voted against his proposal.
8. Einstein his theory of general relativity in 1915.
9. Manchester United beat their 3-1.
10. The to gamble is great, so he stays at home.

GRAMMAR: DOUBLE COMPARISON

A. Repeated Comparatives:

Form: S + V + comparative + and + comparative

Use: to describe things that are increasing or decreasing

1. A continual increase:

A. S + V + adj/adv + er + adj/adv + er

Ex: It is becoming **harder and harder** to find a job.

B. S + V + more and more + adj/adv/n

Ex: Finding a job is becoming **more and more difficult**.

Recently, people are finding **more and more time** to spend with their families.

2. A continual decrease: S + V + less and less + adj/adv/n

Ex: He seems to get **less and less attentive**.

It seems like there is **less and less time** to spend with the family these days.

B. Double Comparatives:

Form: comparative + S + V, comparative + S + V

Use: to describe a cause-and-effect process.

1. The + adj/adv + er + S + V, the + adj/adv + er + S + V

*Ex: **The earlier** we leave, **the sooner** we will arrive.*

2. The more/less + adj/adv + S + V,

*Ex: **The more comfortable** the hotel is, **the more expensive** the rents are.*

3. The more/less + Noun + S + V,

*Ex: **The more books** you read, **the more knowledge** you can get.*

***The more electricity** you use, **the higher** your bill will be.*

4. In spoken English, used as a cliché.

*Ex: **The more the merrier** means...*

***The more people** there are, **the merrier** everyone will be.*

Double comparatives can also be turned into commands in the imperative form when recommending certain actions:

*Ex: Play **less**, study **more**.*

*Work **more**, save **more**.*

*Think **harder**, get **smarter**.*

EXERCISE 1. Fill in the correct form of the words in brackets (comparative or superlative).

1. My house is (big) than yours.
2. This flower is (beautiful) than that one.
3. This is the (interesting) book I have ever read.
4. Non-smokers usually live (long) than smokers.
5. Which is the (dangerous) animal in the world?
6. A holiday by the sea is (good) than a holiday in the mountains.
7. It is strange but often a coke is (expensive) than a beer.
8. Who is the (rich) woman on earth?
9. The weather this summer is even (bad) than last summer.
10. He was the (clever) thief of all.

EXERCISE 2. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of adjectives.

1. He gets (boring). I can't listen to him any longer.
2. I didn't like this book at first, but it's getting (interesting).
3. My daughter's English results are getting (bad).
4. The boss will be angry with you. You arrive (late) at work.
5. In spring the weather gets (warm).
6. It's time you tidied your room. It's getting (messy).
7. Food is getting (expensive).
8. I think TV programs are getting (violent).
9. I find it (difficult) to see him.
10. She's getting over her operation. She feels (good).

EXERCISE 3. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words below.

better	less
loud	happy
hot	merry
small	late
better	safe
more	cheap
rich	more
big	hard

- The you study for these exams, the you will do.
- She doesn't really like vodka, so the a bottle you find, the it will be for us.
- My neighbor is driving me mad! It seems that the it is at night, the he plays his music!
- He spent a year in India and loves spicy food. The the food is, the he likes it.
- Of course you can come to the party. The the
- She will be really angry about that vase being broken! The she knows about it, the
- He has 6 large dogs to protect his house. The the dog, the he feels.
- Earning money has always been the thing that pleases him most. The he becomes, the he is.

PRACTICE TEST

Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.

- A. trained B. proved C. impressed D. performed
- A. games B. teams C. medals D. events
- A. competitor B. medal C. level D. development

Choose the word which has the different stress pattern from that of the others.

- A. endanger B. disappear C. prohibit D. pollutant
- A. development B. cooperation C. surprisingly D. facility
- A. festival B. badminton C. participant D. organize

Choose the best answers.

- Johnny used to be one of the most _____ athletes in my country.
A. succeed B. success C. successful D. successfully
- The 22nd SEA Games consisted of athletes from eleven _____ countries.
A. participate B. participant C. participation D. participating

9. The ASEAN Para-Games are hosted by the same country where the SEA Games took place.
 A. organized B. impressed C. participated D. defended
10. How many _____ took part in the 22nd SEA Games?
 A. compete B. competitors C. competition D. competitor
11. Before the 22nd SEA Games, Vietnam had made a good _____ in every aspect.
 A. prepare B. preparation C. preparative D. preparer
12. The success of the 22nd SEA Games had a great contribution of many _____ volunteers.
 A. support B. supporter C. supportive D. supportively
13. The Sears Tower is _____ building in Chicago.
 A. taller B. the more tall C. the tallest D. taller and taller
14. Peter is _____ John.
 A. younger and more intelligent than B. more young and intelligent than
 C. more intelligent and younger than D. the more intelligent and younger than
15. As she did so, her parents became _____.
 A. the angriest B. the most angry C. the more angry D. angrier and angrier
16. People should eat _____ and do _____ to reduce the risk of heart disease.
 A. less fat / more exercise B. less and less fat / the more exercise
 C. the less fat / the more exercise D. fatter / more exercise
17. He spent a year in India and loves spicy food. _____ the food is, _____ he likes it.
 A. The hotter / the more and more B. The hotter / the more
 C. The more and more hot / the more D. The hottest / the most
18. _____ live in Ho Chi Minh City than in the whole of the rest of the country.
 A. As much as people B. More people C. As many as people D. People more
19. It gets _____ to understand what the professor has explained.
 A. the more difficult B. more difficult than
 C. difficult more and more D. more and more difficult
20. What _____ when the fire alarm _____ off?
 A. are you doing / will go B. have you done / would go
 C. were you doing / went D. will you do / are going
21. My glasses are in my book bag, but I don't remember _____ them there.
 A. putting B. to put C. I put D. put
22. Look at those windows! They really need _____.
 A. to clean B. cleaning C. to be cleaned D. both B and C
23. In 1973, Charles Newbold designed a cast iron plow that _____ than the wooden plows then in use.
 A. was more efficient B. was of more efficiency
 C. had more efficiency D. it was more efficient
24. _____ he drank, _____ he became.
 A. More / more violent B. The most / the most violent
 C. The more / the more violent D. The less / less violent
25. No one in the team can play better than John.

- A. John plays well but the others play better.
 - B. John as well as other players of the team plays very well.
 - C. Everyone in the team, but John, plays very well.
 - D. John is the best player of the team.
26. He only feels happy whenever he does not have much work to do.
- A. The more he works, the happier he feels.
 - B. The less he works, the happier he feels
 - C. His work makes him feel happy.
 - D. He feels happier and happier with his work.
27. I learn a lot but I cannot remember anything.
- A. I learn more and more and remember more and more.
 - B. The less I learn, the more I remember.
 - C. The more I learn, the less I remember.
 - D. I remember not only what I have learnt.
28. Bricks baked in a kiln are much harder _____ that are dried in the sun.
- A. those
 - B. than do those
 - C. than those
 - D. ones
29. The Mekong Delta is _____ deltas in Vietnam.
- A. the largest of the two
 - B. the more larger of the two
 - C. one of the two largest
 - D. one of the two larger
30. The more cars people produce, _____.
- A. the cheaper they are
 - B. the more cars have
 - C. the more cars are
 - D. the cars are cheaper

Error Identification.

31. The Southeast Asian Games, also knowing as the SEA Games, is a biennial multi-sport event involving participants from the current eleven countries of Southeast Asia.
- A
 - B
 - C
 - D
32. Swimming, like all other kinds of sports, which is a form of muscle exercise.
- A
 - B
 - C
 - D
33. The proposed rationale was that a regional sports event will help promote cooperative, understanding and relations among countries in the Southeast Asian region.
- A
 - B
 - C
 - D
34. The first SEA Games were held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 12 to 17 December, 1959 comprising more and more 527 athletes and officials from Southeast countries participating in 12 sports competitions.
- A
 - B
 - C
 - D
35. The next host for the SEA Games is Laos. It is Laos' the first time as the host for the biannual games.
- A
 - B
 - C
 - D

Fill in each numbered blank with one suitable word or phrase.

Among the total of 1,200 volunteers serving the SEA Games 22 in Ho Chi Minh City, nearly 1,000 are students (36) _____ universities, colleges, technical schools. Besides that, 6,000 cheer people are also in the training session to serve the SEA Games.

SEA Games 22 will (37) _____ from the end of November, beginning with football, to nearly the middle of December. This is also the time (38) _____ students to do revision and (39) _____ for their first semester test. In order to provide advantageous (40) _____ to volunteers and students to (41) _____ on their tasks in SEA Games 22, City Youth Union is trying to solve this problem. At present, the volunteers are both studying and participating in the training sessions to prepare themselves for SEA Games 22 at (42) _____ same time. However, at the peak of late November and mid-December, the organizers will have plans to assist them and suggest schools and universities offer the time priority to the volunteers helping them serve the Games (43) _____ efficiently. Schools and universities really have the concern -on this matter and will (44) _____ the examination schedules for volunteers till the end of the SEA Games. (45) _____ the time being, the volunteers can assure their time in class and at technical training session, mainly on every Saturday and Sunday. It is hopeful that the volunteers will have comfort to serve SEA Games 22 wholeheartedly.

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| 36. A. at | B. in | C. for | D. into |
| 37. A. host | B. commence | C. enjoy | D. participate |
| 38. A. where | B. which | C. that | D. when |
| 39. A. prepare | B. carry | C. take | D. gain |
| 40. A. achievements | B. promotions | C. conditions | D. circumstances |
| 41. A. intend | B. focus | C. contribute | D. attend |
| 42. A. a | B. an | C. the | D. Ø |
| 43. A. more | B. as | C. the most | D. most |
| 44. A. keep away | B. go up | C. take on | D. put off |
| 45. A. On | B. For | C. At | D. In |

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer.

The 22nd SEA Games, hosted this year by Vietnam, has joined the international movement to rid sports of tobacco. For the first time, the regional sporting event will be tobacco-free under a landmark cooperative agreement signed in April 2003 between the World Health Organization (WHO), the 22nd SEA Games Organizing Committee and the Vietnamese Ministry of Health. Hanoi Health Department has organized a press seminar to celebrate and raise awareness about the tobacco-free SEA Games.

The 22nd SEA Games is the first games hosted by Vietnam and 10 countries from the Southeast Asian region with nearly 8,000 athletes and coaches will participate. It will be the first tobacco-free international sporting event in Vietnam, joining other international tobacco-free sporting events such as the FIFA World Cup 2002, and the Winter Olympic Games 2002.

The 22nd SEA Games will ban all sales, advertising and other promotion of tobacco products, and restricts smoking in all Games venues. The aim is to protect spectators, athletes, event staff, media and other visitors from the serious health hazards of second-hand tobacco smoke, as well as to change public attitudes about the social acceptability of smoking.

Madame Pascale Brudon, WHO Representative in Vietnam, stated, "Vietnam has established 3 years ago a comprehensive, ambitious national tobacco control policy and a national tobacco control program. The tobacco-free 22nd SEA Games will be yet another area where Vietnam is leading the way for other countries in the region and the world in protecting its citizens from the debilitating and disastrous consequences of tobacco use."

WHO has provided funding and technical assistance to the SEA Games Organizing Committee and Vietnamese Ministry of Health to train of over 4,000 SEA Games organizers and volunteers on the implementation of the tobacco-free policy. An international team of trainers from the Ministry of Health, International Organization for Good Temper (IOGT), WHO and International Development Enterprises (IDE) began a series of national training workshops for volunteers in April, 2003.

The tobacco-free SEA Games are an inspiration and a model for other sport events, big and small, not only in Vietnam but also in the Southeast Asian and Western Pacific Region.

46. In the 22nd SEA Games _____.
- A. there will be the attendance of athletes from the World Health Organization
 - B. smoking is not allowed
 - C. smoking is only for the leader, not any athletes
 - D. is held by the Vietnamese Ministry of Health
47. According to the text, _____.
- A. Vietnam has ever organized several tobacco-free sport events before the 22nd SEA Games
 - B. the tobacco-free SEA Games in Vietnam has not been approved by any world organizations
 - C. the tobacco-free SEA Games is not announced to newspapers and magazines
 - D. the tobacco-free SEA Games in Vietnam has been encouraged and supported by many world organizations
48. According to the third paragraph, _____.
- A. tobacco companies can have an advertising campaign during the SEA Games
 - B. second-hand tobacco smoke cannot cause any harm to the athletes in the 22nd SEA Games
 - C. cigarettes are not allowed to sell in the 22nd SEA Games venues
 - D. everyone can buy cigarettes in the 22nd SEA Games venues except the athletes
49. One of the aims of the tobacco-free SEA Games is
- A. to sell more and more tobacco during the event
 - B. to change public attitudes about the social acceptability of smoking
 - C. to reduce the production of tobacco
 - D. to help athletes to solve the problems of the serious health hazards
50. Which sentence is not true?

- A. Vietnam itself has to pay a lot for the volunteers on the implementation of the tobacco-free policy.
- B. The tobacco-free SEA Games in Vietnam get great support from several world organizations.
- C. The tobacco-free SEA Games is considered a model for other sport events.
- D. There are national training workshops for volunteers in April, 2003 for the tobacco-free SEA Games.

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

► This train is more convenient than all the others. (most)

This train is *the most convenient*.

1. The living-room isn't as big as the kitchen. (bigger)
The kitchen
2. I'm not as fit as you. (am)
You're
3. The table and the desk are the same size. (big)
The table.....
4. Prices just get higher all the time. (and)
Prices.....
5. The dress is cheaper than the skirt. (expensive)
The skirt.....
6. This crossword is the easiest. (difficult)
This crossword
7. Their excitement was increasing all the time. (excited)
They were getting
8. I've never read a more romantic story. (most)
It's the

REVIEW ON ALL COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

1. Oil and water don't mix very easily because water isn't oil. **(thick)**
2. Everyone enjoys listening to him. He tells stories you've ever heard. **(amusing)**
3. Health is a question of diet. food you eat, you are. **(good/healthy)**
4. Nobody wants to go out with him. He's person I've ever known. **(boring)**
5. You should talk to him possible. you wait, **(soon/long/bad)**
6. The exam turned out to be we had thought. **(easy)**
7. He's an experienced climber. He's climbed some of mountains in the world. **(high)**
8. I don't know what he does. he gets, he looks. **(old/young)**
9. If you do exercise, you'll get **(much/fit)**

10. A - I won't invite people, otherwise there won't be enough room in the dining-room. **(many)**
 B - Yes, but you must take into account that people you invite, presents you will get. **(many/many)**

SPORTS CROSSWORD



Across

1. Two teams of eleven people try to win by kicking a ball into the other team's goal.
3. Two people try to throw each other to the ground, using their arms, legs, hands and feet.
4. Players roll a large black or brown ball as close as possible to a smaller white ball.
5. Two people fight in a ring and try to throw each other to the ground.
7. Two people try to hit 15 red balls and 6 balls of different colours into six holes around a cloth-covered table.
9. Two competitors fight by hitting each other with their hands.
10. Two or four people try to hit a small rubber ball against a wall.
11. The sport of fighting with long thin swords.
11. Two or four people hit a small ball across a net.
15. Two teams ride horses and carry long wooden hammers with which they hit a small hard ball.

16. The sport of trying to catch fish with a fishing rod.
17. Two teams try to carry an oval ball across a particular line or kick it between an H-shaped set of posts.

Down

2. Two or four people hit a shuttlecock over a high net.
6. Two, three or four people use mallets to hit wooden balls through small metal hoops.
7. The sport of racing wind-powered boats.
8. Two teams of eleven players try to put a small hard ball into the other team's goal using a curved stick.
12. A game played outside on grass in which each player tries to hit a small ball into a series of 9 or 18 small holes, using a long thin stick.
12. Using flat narrow pieces of wood or plastic to move quickly and easily over snow.

Rewrite the sentences, using double comparatives.

Ex: I feel better and better when the weather is warm.

The warmer the weather, the better I feel.

1. I like it more when things are dangerous.
.....
2. As Mark is getting old, he looks more and more like his grandfather.
.....
3. When I met him I didn't like him at all but I do, now that I know him better.
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4. She had to wait for a long time and she got very impatient.
.....
5. When a student is careful, he makes very few mistakes.
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6. A diamond is very expensive if it's perfect.
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7. When the plums are ripen, they are very sweet.
.....
8. If you drink a lot of coffee, you'll get more and more nervous.
.....
9. When people eat very quickly, there is a high chance of indigestion.
.....
10. Houses close to the centre are very expensive.
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