56 Comparatives

Complete these jokes by putting the adjectives below in the gaps provided. Make sure you use the correct comparative form. For example: faster; more intelligent.

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1 It's ............... than a feather but you can't hold it for ............... than three minutes. What is it?
   > I don't know.
   Your breath!

2 Would you say the princess is pretty?
   > Let's just say she looks ............... on the radio than she does on television.

3 A lion was running towards two photographers. One of the photographers started to change into his running shoes.
   > Don't be ridiculous, said the other photographer. A lion can run at a speed of 50 kilometres an hour.
   I'm not interested in the lion. As long as I can run ............... than you, it doesn't matter!

4 What gets ............... when you turn it upside down?
   > I don't know.
   The number 6!

5 A woodpecker was talking to a chicken one day.
   > Woodpeckers are very clever birds, it said.
   Nonsense, said the chicken. What's clever about hanging your head against a tree all day?
   Chickens are much ............... than woodpeckers.
   > Really? replied the woodpecker. Have you ever heard of Kentucky Fried Woodpecker!

6 Mr Smith, an American, was not enjoying married life. He was talking to a close friend who was thinking of getting married.
   > Take my advice, Mr Smith said. Don't get married. Buy a dog instead.
   That's a strange thing to say. Why?
   > Because a dog is ............... than a wife and it already has a fur coat.

7 Which is ............... away - the moon or Australia?
   > Australia, sir.
   Why do you say that?
   > Well, you can see the moon, but you can't see Australia.

8 Aren't you the same boy who applied for this job three months ago?
   Yes, sir.
   Didn't I tell you that I wanted an ............... boy?
   Yes, sir. That's why I've come back today.

Can you finish these sentences about yourself:

I'm taller than ...
I'm younger than ...
I'm fitter than ...
I'm not more intelligent than ...
I'm more difficult to please than ...
57  As ... as ...

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1  A drunk man was sitting in a restaurant. He called the waiter.  
   > Waiter, I can’t eat this sandwich. I simply can’t get my teeth into it. The bread is as ... as rock.  
   I haven’t brought your sandwich yet, sir. You’re chewing the tablemat!

2  My dog can jump as ... as our house.  
   > I don’t believe it.  
   Why not? Our house can’t jump at all.

3  What’s as ... as an elephant but doesn’t weigh anything?  
   > I don’t know.  
   Its shadow!

4  I firmly believe that eating meat is good for you. I’ve eaten meat all my life and I’m as ... as an ox.  
   > That’s funny. I’ve eaten fish all my life and I can’t swim at all.

5  How would you describe winter?  
   > Well, it’s the season when you try to keep your house as ... as it was in the summer.

6  Brian! Don’t reach across the dinner table for the sugar. Use your tongue! But mum, my tongue isn’t as ... as my arm!

7  My little brother is one year old and he can walk across the park by himself.  
   > My dog is one year old and it can walk twice as ... as your brother.  
   That’s not surprising. It’s got twice as many legs!

8  Dad, do you think I’m vain?  
   > No, I don’t think so. Why do you ask?  
   Because most girls as ... as I am, are vain.

9  What do you take for a headache?  
   > Nothing acts as ... as aspirin.  
   Yes, that’s why I take nothing!

10 A man was crossing a large field when he suddenly realised that there was a large bull in the middle of it. He shouted to the farmer who was standing by the gate:  
   > Is that bull dangerous?  
   The farmer looked at the bull and said:  
   > Let me put it this way. You aren’t as ... as the bull!

Can you complete these common expressions using this structure:

- as quick as lightning
- as old as the...
- as green as...
- as black as...
- as white as...
- as cold as...
- as light as a...
- as good as...
- as free as a...