

**(Vocabulary Review)****Part 5 Grammar Items; Verb Patterns (2) + Comparatives****1. PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

## Practice 1

- The new computer is ..... fast as the old one.  
(A) as twice            (B) twice as            (C) as double            (D) double as
- The manager who was facing financial difficulties seriously considered ..... careers.  
(A) to change            (B) changes            (C) changed            (D) changing
- The chairman is confident that the industry will manage ..... the tough times.  
(A) surviving            (B) to survive            (C) having survived            (D) survived

**2. PRACTICE TEST**

- Researchers at BBB Rubbers are working on a new material that will be twice as .....as ordinary rubber.  
(A) durably            (B) durable            (C) durability            (D) durability
- The departmental head has reported that the new mobile phones are the smallest .....to be purchased by the department.  
(A) ever            (B) before            (C) far            (D) so
- Cebu Electric Power has been the area's most ..... energy supplier for more than thirty years.  
(A) relying            (B) reliable            (C) reliability            (D) reliably
- Despite heavy competition from established retailers, Rosas Stores has managed to do more than just .....in the narrow luxury niche.  
(A) survived            (B) survives            (C) survive            (D) will survive
- Traveling by train to London takes approximately one hour less ..... traveling by car.  
(A) for            (B) with            (C) as            (D) than
- The results of the survey show that the signposts are not as easy to find ..... people think they should be.  
(A) for            (B) that            (C) as            (D) than
- Mr. Hughes is planning ..... out to dinner tonight.  
(A) taking his clients            (B) his clients going            (C) his clients will go            (D) to take his clients
- Ms. Greene enjoys ..... a walk in the park after lunch whenever she has time.  
(A) taking            (B) to go for            (C) take            (D) to have

9. The president of ANC decided ..... new cost-control measures.

- (A) implement      (B) implementing      (C) to implement      (D) implementation

10. The sales clerk denied ..... the money, but he could not convince the store manager.

- (A) take      (B) to take      (C) taking      (D) took

11. Critics of the new corporate tax argue that it will make it ..... than ever for small businesses to succeed.

- (A) hard      (B) harden      (C) harder      (D) hardly

12. The car is so expensive that the manager cannot afford .....

- (A) to buy      (B) to buy it      (C) buying      (D) buying it

## 1. Skill Building Exercise

### Similar-sounding words

This exercise practices similar-sounding words.

Listen to your teacher.

Choose the correct sentence

1. a. They're selling a boat.  
b. They're sailing a boat.
2. a. They're eating some food.  
b. They're heating some food.
3. a. The waiter is laying the table.  
b. The waiter is lying on the table.
4. a. How's it coming?  
b. Who's coming?
5. a. Why did you do it?  
b. What did you do?

## 2. Part 2 Practice Test

1. When did you change careers?

- (A) The weather changed today.
- (B) Almost 3 years ago.
- (C) Just twice.

2. May I ask who's calling?

- (A) Yes, thank you.
- (B) It's my calling card.
- (C) It's Mr. Smith's secretary.

3. Where is your boss going?

- (A) By plane
- (B) To Hong Kong
- (C) I'll go too.

4. What usually happens in the meetings?

- (A) The boardroom is clean.
- (B) The manager often goes to Japan.
- (C) The weekly sales are presented.

5. I need this printed by 5 o'clock.

- (A) OK, I'll do it first.
- (B) But he bought 6 clocks.
- (C) The new machine prints in color.

6. Would you mind calling Dr. Rogers?

- (A) The hospital is near.
- (B) Why, what's wrong?
- (C) That's interesting.

7. Where's the nearest subway station?
- (A) It closes at 6.  
(B) He's at the police station.  
(C) There's one on 7th Street.
8. Shall we have the meeting here, or is somewhere else more convenient?
- (A) There's a convenience store on the corner.  
(B) It's OK here.  
(C) That's very interesting!
9. I can't remember who he is.
- (A) John forgot to lock the door.  
(B) He's the one on the left.  
(C) He's the manager's brother.
10. Why don't we hire another secretary?
- (A) That's a good idea.  
(B) Because that building is higher.  
(C) The secretary is absent today.
11. Hasn't Mary completed the report yet?
- (A) No, it was last week.  
(B) No, we're still waiting.  
(C) He's already complimented Mary.
12. Are these figures correct?
- (A) She has a slim figure.  
(B) Yes, I checked them thoroughly.  
(C) He knows already.
13. I hope they hire the last interviewee.
- (A) Yes, she was very good.  
(B) The interviews are tomorrow.  
(C) She was last.
14. Why'd they leave early?
- (A) They are on leave.  
(B) By taxi  
(C) They have a plane to catch.
15. Who was voted onto the board?
- (A) He looks bored.  
(B) It's a new project.  
(C) It hasn't been announced yet.
16. Does this shirt look too large for me?
- (A) No, he's looking for a small one.  
(B) Yes, it's a nice product.  
(C) I think it fits well.
17. Is this the most recent report?
- (A) I think so.  
(B) No, he isn't.  
(C) Maybe later.
18. When will the office stationery arrive?
- (A) I'll check with Helen.  
(B) It's in winter.  
(C) The office is opposite the station.
19. Do you stock electrical goods?
- (A) Yes, tomorrow should be fine.  
(B) He's a good electrician.  
(C) No, but the shop opposite does.
20. You've already written a resume, haven't you?
- (A) I'll resume tomorrow.  
(B) Yes, it will be finished tomorrow.  
(C) Yes, it's all done.

21. You should probably get some rest tonight.
- (A) It's probably resting.  
 (B) Yes, tomorrow will be busy.  
 (C) I'll go to the restaurant tonight.
22. How long has it been since we last met?
- (A) It was a long meeting.  
 (B) About 6 months, I think.  
 (C) We first met in Spain.
23. You haven't seen my cellphone, have you?
- (A) Anywhere is convenient.  
 (B) It's there on the table.  
 (C) We haven't been yet.
24. Will John be arriving this afternoon or tomorrow?
- (A) Yes. He arrived on time.  
 (B) He will go to the arrivals gate.  
 (C) Tonight, according to his secretary.
25. You read the final report, didn't you?
- (A) I have to report to work on Monday.  
 (B) I just glanced at it.  
 (C) He's the final candidate.
26. The new branch is opening on May 1, isn't it?
- (A) It closes every day at five.  
 (B) I doubt it because there have been some delays.  
 (C) We already have three offices in the area.

### 3. DICTATION

1. The ..... products are in the last aisle.
2. It's hot and .....
3. Who will ..... Mike Holmes as regional manager?
4. His speech was very .....
5. Light .....will be served at the meeting.

### 4. HOMEWORK (Vocab)

1. The riot police used tear gas to disperse the crowd.
2. Please state your name, address and occupation.
3. He had to forfeit his driving license.
4. The driver was clearly intoxicated.
5. The spacecraft disintegrated as it entered the Earth's atmosphere.