

第14章<比較>

A <比較変化> Key Sentences

- 156 Kumi can speak English well.
 157 Kumi can speak English better than Yuka.
 158 Kumi can speak English the best in our class.

◎ 比較変化：形容詞・副詞の語形変化のことで、原級、比較級、最上級の3つの形がある。

① 規則変化：語尾に er, est をつける。以下に注意。

- a) 語尾が<e>： large-larger-largest
 b) 語尾が<子音字+y>： easy-easier-easiest
 c) 語尾が<短母音+子音字>： hot-hotter-hottest

② 不規則変化

原級	比較級	最上級	原級	比較級	最上級
good	better	best	many	more	most
well			much		
bad	worse	worst	little	less	least
ill					

③ つづりが長い場合：原級の前に more, most をつける。

→ 2音節以上の大部分と、-ly で終わる副詞。

[例] slowly-more slowly-most slowly ※ early は early-earlier-earliest と変化

確認問題 A 次の後の比較級と最上級を書きなさい。

- (1) cold () () (2) busy () () (3) big () ()
 (4) nice () () (5) famous () () (6) difficult () ()
 (7) many () () (8) good () ()

B <原級による比較> Key Sentences

- 159 John has as many books as you.
 160 My car is not as new as yours.
 161 This country is three times as large as England.
 = This country is three times the size of England.

- <as 原級 as ~> 「~と同じ(くらい)…」 → 159
- <not as(so) 原級 as ~> 「~ほど…でない」 → 160
- <~ times as 原級 as …> 「…の~倍」 → 161 ※ 「2倍」 twice as 原級 as …

● 慣用表現

- as 原級 as 主語 can = as 原級 as possible → 「できるだけ~」
- B as well as A = not only A but also B → 「A と同様 B も」
- not so much A as B = B rather than A → 「A というよりむしろ B」

確認問題 B 次の英文を日本語になおしなさい。

- (1) She can speak French as well as English. []
 (2) Run as fast as you can. []
 (3) He is not so much a teacher as a writer. []