

Comparisons – Unit 5

1 Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences. Use **much** / **a bit** etc. + a comparative form. Use **than** where necessary.

- 1 Her illness was much more serious than we thought at first. (much / serious)
2 This bag is too small. I need something much bigger. (much / big)
3 I liked the museum. It was more interesting than I expected. (much / interesting)
4 It was very hot yesterday. Today it's a bit cooler. (a bit / cool)
5 I'm afraid the problem is more complicated than it seems. (far / complicated)
6 You're driving too fast. Can you drive more slowly? (a bit / slowly)
7 It's easy enough to learn a language in a country where it is spoken. (a lot / easy)
8 I thought she was younger than me, but in fact she's older. (slightly / old)

2 Complete the sentences using **any/no** + comparative. Use **than** where necessary.

- 1 I've waited long enough. I'm not waiting any longer .
2 I'm sorry I'm a bit late, but I couldn't get here any earlier .
3 This shop isn't expensive. The prices are no higher anywhere else.
4 I need to stop for a rest. I can't walk any further .
5 The traffic isn't particularly bad today. It's no worse usual.

B Complete the sentences using the structure in Section C (... and ...).

- 1 It's getting more and more difficult to find a job. (difficult)
- 2 That hole in your sweater is getting . (big)
- 3 My bags seemed to get as I carried them. (heavy)
- 4 As I waited for my interview, I became . (nervous)
- 5 As the day went on, the weather got . (bad)
- 6 Health care is becoming . (expensive)
- 7 Since Anna went to Canada, her English has got . (good)
- 8 As the conversation went on, Paul became . (talkative)

4 Complete the sentences using the structure in Section D (**the ... the ...**).

- 1 I like warm weather.
The warmer the weather, the better I feel. (feel)
- 2 I didn't really like him when we first met.
But the more I got to know him, the more I liked him. (like)
- 3 If you're in business, you want to make a profit.
The more goods you sell, the more profit you make. (profit)
- 4 It's hard to concentrate when you're tired.
The more tired you are, the harder it is to concentrate. (hard)
- 5 Kate had to wait a very long time.
The longer she had to wait, the more impatient she became. (impatient / become)

5 Use the words on the right to complete the sentences.

- 1 I like to travel light. The less luggage, the better.
- 2 The problem is getting _____ and more serious.
- 3 The more time I have, the _____ it takes me to do things.
- 4 I'm walking as fast as I can. I can't walk _____ faster.
- 5 The higher your income, _____ more tax you have to pay.
- 6 I'm surprised Anna is only 25. I thought she was _____.
- 7 Jane's _____ sister is a nurse.
- 8 I was a little late. The journey took _____ longer than I expected.
- 9 We have a lot to discuss. We need to start the meeting _____ later than 9.30.
- 10 Don't tell him anything. The _____ he knows, the _____

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