

**7** Complete the text with the comparative or superlative form of the words in brackets.



In the early 1990s, Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan were competing to be <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (good) American figure skater. Neither skater was the clear favourite, but each was <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (as / competitive) the other. Harding's life had been difficult. It had been <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (much / hard) and <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (far / stable) than Kerrigan's. Harding was <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (far / tough) of the two and the <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ (old / get / tough / become). By contrast, Kerrigan was <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (bit / thoughtful) and <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (family person). She came from a <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (far / stable) background and was considered to be <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (elegant), and consequently she was <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (lot / popular) than Harding. The day before the 1994 US championships, a man attacked Kerrigan, she was unable to compete and Harding won the championships. But over time people became suspicious of Harding. She was later stripped of the title, although she said she had 'no prior knowledge' of the attack.