

## Exercises

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

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

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

- I've waited long enough. I'm not waiting any longer.
- I'm sorry I'm a bit late, but I couldn't get here ..... anywhere else.
- This shop isn't expensive. The prices are ..... usual.
- I need to stop for a rest. I can't walk .....
- The traffic isn't particularly bad today. It's .....

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

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

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

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

**106.5** Use the words on the right to complete the sentences.

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

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**107.1** Complete the sentences using **as ... as**.

- I'm tall, but you are taller. I'm not as tall as you.
- My salary is high, but yours is higher. My salary isn't .....
- You know a bit about cars, but I know more.  
You don't .....
- We are busy today, but we were busier yesterday.  
We aren't .....
- I still feel bad, but I felt a lot worse earlier.  
I don't .....
- Our neighbours have lived here for quite a long time, but we've lived here longer.  
Our neighbours haven't .....
- I was a little nervous before the interview, but usually I'm a lot more nervous.  
I wasn't .....

**107.2** Write a new sentence with the same meaning.

- Jack is younger than he looks. Jack isn't as old as he looks.
- I didn't spend as much money as you. You spent more money than me.
- The station was nearer than I thought. The station wasn't .....
- The meal didn't cost as much as I expected. The meal cost .....
- I go out less than I used to. I don't .....
- Karen's hair isn't as long as it used to be. Karen used to .....
- I know them better than you do. You don't .....
- There are fewer people at this meeting than at the last one.  
There aren't .....

**107.3** Complete the sentences using **as ... as + the following**:

bad    comfortable    ~~fast~~    hard    long    often    quietly    soon    well

- I'm sorry I'm late. I got here as fast as I could.
- It was a difficult question. I answered it ..... I could.
- 'How long can I stay with you?' 'You can stay ..... you like.'
- I need the information quickly, so let me know ..... possible.
- I like to keep fit, so I go swimming ..... I can.
- I didn't want to wake anybody, so I came in ..... I could.

In the following sentences use **just as ... as**.

- I'm going to sleep on the floor. It's ..... the bed.
- You always say how tiring your job is, but I work ..... you.
- At first I thought he was nice, but really he's ..... everybody else.

**107.4** Write sentences using the same **as**.

- David and James are both 22 years old. David is the same age as James.
- You and I both have dark brown hair. Your hair ..... mine.
- I arrived at 10.25 and so did you. I arrived ..... you.
- My birthday is 5 April. It's Tom's birthday too. My birthday ..... Tom's.

**107.5** Complete the sentences with **than ...** or **as ...**.

- I can't reach as high as you. You are taller than me.
- He doesn't know much. I know more .....
- I don't work particularly hard. Most people work as hard .....
- We were very surprised. Nobody was more surprised .....
- She's not a very good player. I'm a better player .....
- They've been very lucky. I wish we were as lucky .....



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**108.1** Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most ...) + a preposition (of or in).

- 1 It's a very good room. It's the best room in the hotel.
- 2 It's a very cheap restaurant. It's ..... the town.
- 3 It was a very happy day. It was ..... my life.
- 4 She's a very intelligent student. She's ..... the class.
- 5 It's a very valuable painting. It's ..... the gallery.
- 6 Spring is a very busy time for me. It's ..... the year.

In the following sentences use **one of** + a superlative + a preposition.

- 7 It's a very good room. It's one of the best rooms in the hotel.
- 8 He's a very rich man. He's one ..... the country.
- 9 It's a very big castle. It's ..... Europe.
- 10 She's a very good player. She's ..... the team.
- 11 It was a very bad experience. It was ..... my life.
- 12 It's a very famous university. It's ..... the world.

**108.2** Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most ...) or a comparative (-er or more ...).

- 1 We stayed at the cheapest hotel in the town. (cheap)
- 2 Our hotel was cheaper than all the others in the town. (cheap)
- 3 The United States is very large, but Canada is ..... (large)
- 4 What's ..... country in the world? (small)
- 5 I wasn't feeling well yesterday, but I feel a bit ..... today. (good)
- 6 It was an awful day. It was ..... day of my life. (bad)
- 7 What is ..... sport in your country? (popular)
- 8 Everest is ..... mountain in the world. It is ..... than any other mountain. (high)
- 9 This building is over 250 metres high, but it's not ..... in the city. (tall)
- 10 I prefer this chair to the other one. It's ..... (comfortable)
- 11 What's ..... way to get to the station? (quick)
- 12 Which is ..... - the bus or the train? (quick)
- 13 What's ..... thing you've ever bought? (expensive)
- 14 Sue and Kevin have got three daughters. .... is 14 years old. (old)

**108.3** What do you say in these situations? Use a superlative + ever. Use the words in brackets (in the correct form).

- 1 You've just been to the cinema. The movie was extremely boring. You tell your friend: (boring / movie / see) That's the most boring movie I've ever seen.
- 2 Your friend has just told you a joke, which you think is very funny. You say: (funny / joke / hear) That's .....
- 3 You're drinking coffee with a friend. It's really good coffee. You say: (good / coffee / taste) This .....
- 4 You are talking to a friend about Sarah. Sarah is very generous. You tell your friend about her: (generous / person / meet) She .....
- 5 You have just run ten kilometres. You've never run further than this. You say to your friend: (far / run) That .....
- 6 You decided to give up your job. Now you think this was a bad mistake. You say to your friend: (bad / mistake / make) It .....
- 7 Your friend meets a lot of people, some of them famous. You ask your friend: (famous / person / meet?) Who ..?



## 105.1 Complete the sentences using a comparative form (older / more important etc.).

- 1 It's too noisy here. Can we go somewhere quieter ?
- 2 This coffee is very weak. I like it .....
- 3 The hotel was surprisingly big. I expected it to be .....
- 4 The hotel was surprisingly cheap. I expected it to be .....
- 5 The weather is too cold here. I'd like to live somewhere .....
- 6 My job is a bit boring sometimes. I'd like to do something .....
- 7 It's a shame you live so far away. I wish you lived .....
- 8 I was surprised how easy it was to get a job. I thought it would be .....
- 9 Your work isn't very good. I'm sure you can do .....
- 10 Don't worry. The situation isn't so bad. It could be .....
- 11 I was surprised we got here so quickly. I expected the trip to take .....
- 12 You're talking very loudly. Can you speak ..... ?
- 13 You hardly ever call me. Why don't you call me ..... ?
- 14 You're standing too near the camera. Can you move a bit ..... away?
- 15 You were a little depressed yesterday, but you look ..... today.

## 105.2 Complete the sentences. Use the comparative forms of the words in the box. Use **than** where necessary.

|            |          |                     |         |        |           |
|------------|----------|---------------------|---------|--------|-----------|
| big        | crowded  | <del>early</del>    | easily  | high   | important |
| interested | peaceful | <del>reliable</del> | serious | simple | thin      |

- 1 I was feeling tired last night, so I went to bed earlier than usual.
- 2 I'd like to have a more reliable car. The one I have keeps breaking down.
- 3 Unfortunately her illness was ..... we thought at first.
- 4 You look ..... Have you lost weight?
- 5 I want a ..... apartment. We don't have enough space here.
- 6 He doesn't study very hard. He's ..... in having a good time.
- 7 Health and happiness are ..... money.
- 8 The instructions were very complicated. They could have been .....
- 9 There were a lot of people on the bus. It was ..... usual.
- 10 I like living in the country. It's ..... living in a town.
- 11 You'll find your way around the town ..... if you have a good map.
- 12 In some parts of the country, prices are ..... in others.

## 105.3 Read the situations and complete the sentences. Use a comparative form (-er or more ...).

- 1 Yesterday the temperature was six degrees. Today it's only three degrees.  
It's colder today than it was yesterday.
- 2 The journey takes four hours by car and five hours by train.  
It takes ..... by car.
- 3 Dan and I went for a run. I ran ten kilometres. Dan stopped after eight kilometres.  
I ran ..... Dan.
- 4 Chris and Joe both did badly in the test. Chris got 30%, but Joe only got 25%.  
Joe did ..... Chris in the test.
- 5 I expected my friends to arrive at about 4 o'clock. In fact they arrived at 2.30.  
My friends ..... I expected.
- 6 You can go by bus or by train. The buses run every 30 minutes. The trains run every hour.  
The buses ..... the trains.
- 7 We were very busy in the office today. We're not usually so busy.  
We ..... usual in the office today.