

Types of Comparisons

as ... (positive degree) ... as not so/as ... (positive degree) ... as not such a(n)/so ... as	His hands were as cold as ice. It is not so/as cold as it was yesterday. This is not such an interesting book as his last one.
twice/three times, etc./half as ... (positive degree) ... as	Their house is twice as big as ours. His car cost half as much as mine.
the same as	Your jacket is the same as the one I bought last month.
look, sound, smell, taste + like	She looks like an angel.
less ... (positive degree) ... than the least ... (positive degree) ... of/in	The green sofa is less expensive than the black one, but the blue one is the least expensive of all.
the + comparative ..., the + comparative	The sooner you start, the sooner you'll finish. The younger you are, the more freedom you have.
comparative + and + comparative	Life is getting harder and harder .
prefer + -ing form or noun + to + -ing form or noun (general preference)	I prefer watching TV to going out. I prefer lemonade to cola.
would prefer + to -inf + rather than + inf without to (specific preference)	I would prefer to eat in rather than go to a restaurant. He would prefer to leave rather than accept a pay cut.
would rather/sooner + inf without to + than + inf without to	I'd rather look for a new flat than stay in this house any longer.
clause + whereas/while + clause (comparison by contrast)	Tom likes living in the country whereas his sister likes living in the city.

26 Fill in the gaps with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjectives or adverbs in brackets, as in the example. Add any necessary words.

- The older (old) Frank gets, the wiser (wise) he becomes.
- (soon) we start, (soon) we'll get the job finished.
- My meal was certainly not (tasty) yours.
- This TV is three times (expensive) the one we saw in the last shop.
- (fast) he ran, (tired) he became.
- (hard) she works, (successful) she becomes.
- The weather is getting (cold) and (cold) every day.
- The more books he reads, (good) at reading he becomes.
- (few) and (few) people are writing letters nowadays.
- Lisa is becoming (outgoing) as the years go by.
- Today, it is (sunny) it was yesterday.
- Computers are getting (cheap) all the time.

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Adjectives / Adverbs / Comparisons

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Fill in: would prefer ... rather than, less ... than, such a, twice as ... as, the same as, the sooner ... the sooner, like.

- Chris: That's a lovely new car you've got, Fred. I've never seen 1) *such a* beautiful machine. It looks 2) a car from a James Bond film!
- Fred: Thanks, Chris. Actually, it's 3) the one they used in the recent Batman film. I'm really happy with it.
- Chris: It must be 4) fast my car. But it would be far too expensive for me.
- Fred: Well, these sorts of cars are 5) expensive you'd think nowadays. You should buy one! 6) you go down to the car showroom, you'll be driving in style!
- Chris: I'm not sure, Fred. I think I 7) to spend my money on a holiday on a new car. Thanks for the tip though.

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Fill in: as, not so ... as, different from, whereas, more, than, like or same.

Dear Mike,

Thanks for telling me about your school's excursion to the National Museum. Every year, my school goes on an excursion to an amusement park. This year we decided not to go to the 1) *same* place 2) last year. It turned out to be a good decision. Although Fun City was 3) expensive 4) Water World, the park we visited last year, it was worth it. Fun City was completely 5) Water World. It looked just 6) a giant playground, 7) Water World resembled a dirty lake! Also, the staff at Water World were 8) friendly 9) those at Fun City. Everyone had a great time and I can't wait until next year!



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Fill in: further, furthest, better, best, worse and worst.

- A: We've been driving for hours! And the weather is getting 1) *worse* now. How much 2) is it?
- B: I'm not sure, but according to the map, this is the 3) route to take.
- A: Give me the map, please. I'll find a 4) way to get there. Why did Dave choose the 5) restaurant from town to go to on such a rainy night?
- B: I don't know. I think it's also one of the 6) places to eat.
- A: Well, at this rate we're never going to get there!!

30 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The plane flew into the sky.
A higher and highest
B highest and highest
C higher and higher
- 2 The more the customer complained, the manager became.
A the angrier B angrier C the angriest
- 3 Africa is by far the continent.
A hot B hotter C hottest
- 4 you drive, the quicker we'll get there.
A Faster B The faster C The fastest
- 5 The music got louder and
A louder B loudest C loud
- 6 Clothes seem to be getting expensive all the time.
A most B the more C more and more
- 7 The music at the club got as the night went on.
A the loudest B louder and louder C the louder
- 8 Frank earns money than his brother does.
A less B the least C little
- 9 I had to queue at the bank, the more impatient I became.
A The longest B Longer C The longer
- 10 This MP3 player is expensive model on the market.
A most B more C the most
- 11 The smaller a flat is, the rent will be.
A lower B the lower C the lowest
- 12 people are choosing to buy music online.
A The most B More and more C Many and many

31 Look at the pictures, then make comparisons using the adjectives given.

 firefighter	 chair	 bike	 boots	 Brenda
 doctor	 armchair	 car	 slippers	 Tim
 pilot	 stool	 motorbike	 flip flops	 Julie
dangerous, well-paid, exciting, interesting	big, soft, hard, uncomfortable, expensive	fast, clean, safe, spacious, cheap	comfortable, warm, heavy, light, expensive	old, young, heavy, good-looking, long, short hair

A firefighter's job is more dangerous than a doctor's job.