

95 Two comparatives together

Two comparatives can be used together in a sentence to show the effect of an action. They are also used to show that something is changing.



95.1 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

1	The higher we climbed,	the more stressed I get.
2	The more responsibility I take on,	the more I seem to spend.
3	The faster he drove,	the farther we could see.
4	The more I learn,	the more scared she became.
5	The longer I live here,	the easier the exam will be.
6	The more you study,	the more clothes you should wear.
7	The farther Joe walked,	the more I want to move away.
	The colder it gets,	the more tired he became.



95.2 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE COMPARATIVES IN THE PANEL

- This book gets more and more interesting with every page.
- 1 The _____, the more there will be to eat.
 - 2 Ola's getting _____ at the guitar.
 - 3 It's getting _____. Don't forget your scarf!
 - 4 The faster you work, the _____ the project.
 - 5 My nephew gets _____ every time I see him.

earlier you'll finish
more and more skilled
~~more and more interesting~~
colder and colder
taller and taller
bigger the cake



95.3 CROSS OUT THE UNNECESSARY WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE



The hotter ~~the curry is~~, the better ~~it tastes~~.

1



The more people come to the party, the merrier it will be.

2



The sooner you finish this, the better it will be for all of us.

3



The stronger the coffee is, the better it tastes.

4



The more glamorous the dress you wear, the better you will look.



95.4 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

weather's

The

hotter

getting

and

hotter

day.

each

The weather's getting hotter and hotter each day.

1

is

and

Everyone

more

concerned

more

climate

about

change.

getting

2

Philip's

keep

taller

growing

and

taller.

sunflowers

3

gets

The

exam

harder

harder

and

year.

each

4

Robots

becoming

are

and

more

more

sophisticated.

96 "As... as" comparisons

Comparisons using "as... as" constructions can be used to discuss degrees of similarity and difference. They can be modified with adverbs to make them stronger or weaker.

96.1 MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE CORRECT SENTENCES



I'm sure your pasta will be as tasty as usual.



The other dress isn't as pretty as this one.



This hat is twice as expensive as the other one.



I hope the new chef is as talented as Jean-Louis.



Dogs are not so easy to look after as cats.



I hope the movie is as good as the book.



The results are not as good as we had hoped.

96.2 MARK THE SENTENCES THAT ARE CORRECT

Om can't run as fast so Ravi.

☐

Om can't run as fast as Ravi.

☒

1 I'm not as confident as I was before.

☐

I'm not as confident I was before.

☐

2 The food wasn't half as good as we'd hoped.

☐

The food wasn't as half good as we'd hoped.

☐

3 Rome isn't nowhere near as big as Paris.

☐

Rome is nowhere near as big as Paris.

☐

4 He told us to finish as quickly as possible.

☐

He told us to finish so quickly as possible.

☐

5 It's not quite as cold as last winter.

☐

It's quite not as cold as last winter.

☐

6 Ula doesn't call as much so she used to.

☐

Ula doesn't call as much as she used to.

☐

7 The journey took twice as long as usual.

☐

The journey took as twice as long as usual.

☐

8 Ben was as quiet as a mouse.

☐

Ben was so quiet as a mouse.

☐

9 Ed is as almost old as my aunt.

☐

Ed is almost as old as my aunt.

☐

10 It cost just as much as it did last time.

☐

It cost just as much it did last time.

☐



96.3 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE



This dress is **almost** / ~~quite~~ as nice as the skirt.

1



The exam was just **so** / **as** hard as I had expected.

2



The skyscrapers here are nowhere near as big **as** / **like** in Shanghai.

3



This restaurant is **twice** / **twice as** expensive as the others.

4



The café is **almost as** / **as almost** big as the church.

5



The house is **quite not** / **not quite** as easy to find as we thought.

6



The singer was nowhere **near** / **close** as good as I hoped.

7



The play lasted twice **so** / **as** long as I expected.

8



It's **nearly not** / **not nearly** as cold as we'd imagined.

9



The supermarket was not **almost** / **quite** as busy as I feared.

10



The dress is **twice as** / **twice so** big as I thought it would be.

11



The other buildings are nowhere near **so** / **as** tall as the clock tower.

12



The company results were not quite **so** / **like** good as last year's.

13



The new store will be as popular **as** / **like** the others.

14



This was **nearly not** / **not nearly** as easy to make as I expected.