

97) Irregular comparatives. Underline the right forms in these sentences. In some cases both forms are right.

- 1 Is your house much further/farther?
- 2 Who is the oldest/eldest in this class?
- 3 Your driving is worse/worst than mine.
- 4 It's the less/lesser of two evils.
- 5 Have you heard the last/latest news?
- 6 We have no further/farther information.
- 7 Jane Somers writes good/well.
- 8 His latest/last words were: 'The end'.
- 9 This is the town's oldest/eldest house.
- 10 My flat is littler/smaller than yours.
- 11 I've got less/lesser than you.
- 12 Jane is older/elder than I am.
- 13 This is the more/most expensive.
- 14 His English is better/best than mine.
- 15 It's the better/best in the shop.
- 16 It's the furthest/farthest point west.
- 17 It's the oldest/eldest tree in the country.
- 18 She's my elder/older sister.
- 19 I've got the less/least!
- 20 You've got the more/most!

115) Read the letter from a man in prison to his wife. Choose the correct words in italics.

My dearest Monique,

I can't begin to tell you how much I miss you. If only (0) *didn't listen* / *hadn't listened* to Tommy Evans all those months ago when he said he wanted a driver to take him to the airport. Obviously, I wish the police (1) *didn't catch* / *hadn't caught* us at the warehouse, but I wish even more than I (2) *didn't believe* / *hadn't believed* his story.

Well, I'm here now, and I suppose I'm lucky that it's only for two years. I just wish that I (3) *am* / *was* closer to home. If only you (4) *could visit* / *could have visited* me more often, then I'm sure life would be easier.

Things aren't too bad here, really. I can work during the day and the evenings are OK, but the nights are awful -- I really wish the other prisoners (5) *would make* / *wouldn't make* so much noise at night, and I wish I (6) *can* / *could* get some more sleep.

Well, I'd better go. It's time (7) *I join* / *to join* the others for 'evening activities'. I do enjoy getting letters from you and I wish you (8) *would write* / *write* to me more often. I (9) *wish* / *hope* that I'll see you soon, but I'd rather (10) *you don't bring* / *you didn't bring* the children -- I don't want them to see me here.

105) Choose the best answer, A or B.

- 1 Your sunglasses are similar to mine.
A) They are exactly the same. B) They are almost the same.
- 2 Jackie isn't as friendly as Lucy.
A) Lucy is friendlier than Jackie. B) Jackie is friendlier than Lucy.
- 3 This bed is as comfortable as my old one.
A) My old bed was more comfortable. B) The beds are both comfortable.
- 4 Ana isn't nearly as rich as Susie.
A) Susie is much richer than Ana. B) Susie is a little richer than Ana.
- 5 Our TV is almost as big as Michael's.
A) Michael's TV is a little bigger than ours. B) Michael's TV is much bigger than ours.
- 6 I had one of the best exam results in the school.
A) Nobody had a better result. B) One or two people had a better result.

107) Look at this consumer magazine chart comparing three brands of pizza cheese. Complete the sentences.

Use *as...as* or *not as...as* and the correct form of the words in brackets.

PIZZA

CHEESE [+ better/worse]

Brand	Price (per serving)	Taste	Smell
X	5¢	±	-
Y	3¢	±	±
Z	3¢	+	±

- 1 Brand Z _____ (be/expensive) Brand Y.
- 2 Brand Y _____ (be expensive) Brand X.
- 3 Brand X _____ (taste/good) Brand Y.
- 4 Brand Z _____ (taste/good) Brand Y.
- 5 Brand Y _____ (smell/nice) Brand X.
- 6 Brand Y _____ (smell/nice) Brand Z.