

Practice 1: same or different?

Look at these pairs of sentences. Do they mean the same thing or are they different?

Sentence examples	same	different
England is a little colder than France. France isn't quite as cold as England.	0	0
The USA isn't quite as expensive as England. England is much more expensive than the USA.	0	0
My German isn't nearly as good as yours. My German is a lot worse than yours.	0	0
He's a far better cook than me. I'm not nearly as good a cook as him.	0	0
My daughter is slightly younger than yours. Your daughter isn't nearly as old as mine.	0	0
It's by far the funniest film. The other films aren't quite as funny as this one.	0	0

Practice 2: expressing the size of the difference

Now rewrite these sentences so they mean the same thing, using the word in brackets ()�

1. She's not nearly as good at cooking as you.
You are cooking than her. (MUCH)
2. Fast food isn't nearly as healthy as fruit.
Fruit is fast food. (FAR)
3. My book is a bit more interesting than yours.
Your book isn't mine. (QUITE)
4. She's much better than all the other singers in the world.
She's singer in the world. (BY)
5. My computer is a lot newer than yours.
Your computer is mine. (MUCH)
6. It's not quite as sunny today as it was yesterday.
Yesterday was today. (BIT)

Practice 3 : Choose the correct forms to complete the following *the... the...* comparatives.

1 _____, the more you realise life isn't about how you look.

a. Older you get

b. The oldest you get

c. As older you get

d. The older you get

2 The more he talks, _____ how stupid he is.

a. more you realise

b. the more you realise

c. the most you realise

d. you realise more

3 Research shows _____ about getting a good job, the better you do in school

a. the least you care

b. the less you care

c. as less you care

d. the most you care