



Comparatives 2

1.

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

- This restaurant is very expensive. Let's go somewhere cheaper.
- This coffee is very weak. I like it more.
- The town was surprisingly big. I expected it to be smaller.
- The hotel was surprisingly cheap. I expected it to be more expensive.
- The weather is too cold here. I'd like to live somewhere warmer.
- Sometimes my job is a bit boring. I'd like to do something more interesting.
- It's a shame you live so far away. I wish you lived closer.
- It was quite easy to find a place to live. I thought it would be more difficult.
- Your work isn't very good. I'm sure you can do better.
- Don't worry. The situation isn't so bad. It could be worse.
- You hardly ever call me. Why don't you call me more often?
- You're too near the camera. Can you move a bit farther away?

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

big early high important interested peaceful reliable serious slowly thin

- I was feeling tired last night, so I went to bed earlier than usual.
- I'd like to have a more reliable car. The one I have keeps breaking down.
- Unfortunately the problem was more serious, we thought at first.
- You look thinner. Have you lost weight?
- We don't have enough space here. We need a bigger apartment.
- James doesn't study very hard. He's less interested in having a good time.
- Health and happiness are more important.
- I like living in the country. It's quieter than living in a town.
- I'm sorry I don't understand. Can you speak more slowly, please?
- In some parts of the country, prices are higher than in others.

2.

Complete the sentences. Choose from:

than more worse quietly longer better careful frequent

- Getting a visa was complicated. It took longer than I expected.
- Sorry about my mistake. I'll try and be more careful in future.
- Your English has improved. It's better than it was.
- You can travel by bus or by train. The buses are more uncomfortable than the trains.
- You can't always have things immediately. You have to be more patient.
- I'm a pessimist. I always think things are going to get worse.
- We were busier than usual in the office today. It's not usually so busy.
- You're talking very loudly. Can you speak more quietly?

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

- Yesterday the temperature was six degrees. Today it's only three degrees. It's colder today than it was yesterday.
- Dan and I went for a run. I ran ten kilometres. Dan stopped after eight kilometres. I ran longer than Dan.
- The journey takes four hours by car and five hours by train. The journey takes more time by train than by car.
- I expected my friends to arrive at about 4 o'clock. In fact they arrived at 2.30. My friends arrived earlier than I expected.
- There is always a lot of traffic here, but today the traffic is really bad. The traffic today is busier than usual.

3.

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

- 1 The problem is much more serious than we thought at first. (much / serious)
- 2 This bag is too small. I need something (much / big)
- 3 I liked the museum. It was I expected. (a lot / interesting)
- 4 It was very hot yesterday. Today it's (a little / cool)
- 5 I'm afraid the problem is it seems. (far / complicated)
- 6 You're driving too fast. Can you drive ? (a bit / slowly)
- 7 I thought he was younger than me, but in fact he's (slightly / old)

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

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

Complete the sentences using **... and ...** (see Section C).

- 1 It's getting more and more difficult to find a job. (difficult)
- 2 That hole in your sweater is getting (big)
- 3 I waited for my interview and became (nervous)
- 4 As the day went on, the weather got (bad)
- 5 Health care is becoming (expensive)
- 6 Since Anna went to Canada, her English has got (good)
- 7 These days I travel a lot. I'm spending away from home. (time)

4.

Complete the sentences using **the ... the ...**.

- 1 You learn things more easily when you're young.
The younger you are, the easier it is to learn.
- 2 It's hard to concentrate when you're tired.
The more tired you are, the
- 3 We should decide what to do as soon as possible.
The the better.
- 4 I know more, but I understand less.
The the less I understand.
- 5 If you use more electricity, your bill will be higher.
The more electricity you use,
- 6 Kate had to wait a long time and became more and more impatient.
The the more

Use the words on the right to complete the sentences.

- 1 I like to travel light. The less luggage, the better.
- 2 The problem is getting and more serious.
- 3 The more time I have, the it takes me to do things.
- 4 I'm walking as fast as I can. I can't walk faster.
- 5 The higher your income, more tax you have to pay.
- 6 I'm surprised Anna is only 25. I thought she was
- 7 Jane's sister is a nurse.
- 8 I was a little late. The journey took longer than I expected.
- 9 Applications for the job must be received later than 15 April.
- 10 Don't tell him anything. The he knows, the

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5.

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

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

Write a new sentence with the same meaning.

- 1 Jack is younger than he looks. Jack isn't as old as he looks.
- 2 I didn't spend as much money as you. You spent more money than me.
- 3 The station was nearer than I thought. The station wasn't as near as I thought.
- 4 The meal didn't cost as much as I expected. The meal cost as much as I expected.
- 5 I watch TV less than I used to. I don't watch as much TV as I used to.
- 6 Karen's hair isn't as long as it used to be. Karen used to have longer hair than she does now.
- 7 I know them better than you do. You don't know them as well as I do.
- 8 There are fewer students in this class than in the other one. There aren't as many students in this class as in the other one.

6.

Complete the sentences using **as ... as**. Choose from:

fast hard long often quietly soon well

- 1 I'm sorry I'm late. I got here as fast as I could.
- 2 It was a difficult question. I answered it as well as I could.
- 3 'How long can I stay with you?' 'You can stay as long as you like.'
- 4 I need the information quickly, so let me know as soon as possible.
- 5 I like to keep fit, so I go swimming as often as I can.
- 6 I didn't want to wake anybody, so I came in as quietly as I could.
- 7 You always say how tiring your job is, but I work just as hard as you.

Write sentences using **the same as**.

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

Complete the sentences. Choose from:

as him is less me much soon than twice

- 1 I'll let you know as soon as I have any more news.
- 2 My friends arrived earlier than I expected.
- 3 I live in the same street as Katherine. We're neighbours.
- 4 He doesn't know much. I know more than him.
- 5 This morning there was more traffic than usual.
- 6 I don't watch TV as often as I used to.
- 7 Your bag is quite light. Mine is as heavy as yours.
- 8 We were born in the same year. I'm a little older than she is.
- 9 I was really surprised. Nobody was more surprised than me.