

Exercises

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

- 1 Her illness was 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. (much / interesting)
- 4 It was very hot yesterday. Today it's (a bit / 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 It's to learn a language in a country where it is spoken. (a lot / easy)
- 8 I thought she was younger than me, but in fact she's (slightly / old)

106.2 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 particularly bad today. It's usual.

106.3 Complete the sentences using the structure in Section C (... and ...).

- 1 It's getting more and more difficult to find a job. (difficult)
- 2 That hole in your sweater is getting (big)
- 3 My bags seemed to get as I carried them. (heavy)
- 4 As I waited for my interview, I became (nervous)
- 5 As the day went on, the weather got (bad)
- 6 Health care is becoming (expensive)
- 7 Since Anna went to Canada, her English has got (good)
- 8 As the conversation went on, Paul became (talkative)

106.4 Complete the sentences using the structure in Section D (**the ... the ...**).

- 1 I like warm weather.
The warmer the weather, the better I feel. (feel)
- 2 I didn't really like him when we first met.
But the more I got to know him, (like)
- 3 If you're in business, you want to make a profit.
The more goods you sell, (profit)
- 4 It's hard to concentrate when you're tired.
The more tired you are, (hard)
- 5 Kate had to wait a very long time.
The longer she had to wait, (impatient / become)

106.5 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 We have a lot to discuss. We need to start the meeting later than 9.30.
- 10 Don't tell him anything. The he knows, the

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

- I'm tall, but you are taller. I'm not *as tall as you*.
- My salary is high, but yours is higher. My salary isn't *as high as yours*.
- You know a bit about cars, but I know more. I know *as much about cars as you*.
- We are busy today, but we were busier yesterday. We aren't *as busy as we were yesterday*.
- I still feel bad, but I felt a lot worse earlier. I don't *feel as bad as I did earlier*.
- Our neighbours have lived here for quite a long time, but we've lived here longer. Our neighbours haven't *lived here as long as we have*.
- 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*.

107.2 Write a new sentence with the same meaning.

- Jack is younger than he looks. Jack isn't *as old as he looks*.
- I didn't spend as much money as you. You *spent more money than me*.
- The station was nearer than I thought. The station wasn't *as near as I thought*.
- The meal didn't cost as much as I expected. The meal cost *as much as I expected*.
- I go out less than I used to. I don't *go out as much as I used to*.
- Karen's hair isn't as long as it used to be. Karen used to *have longer hair than she does now*.
- I know them better than you do. You don't *know them as well as I do*.
- There are fewer people at this meeting than at the last one. There aren't *as many people at this meeting as there were at the last one*.

107.3 Complete the sentences using *as ... as* + the following:

bad comfortable fast hard long often quietly soon well

- I'm sorry I'm late. I got here *as fast as* I could.
- It was a difficult question. I answered it *as well as* I could.
- 'How long can I stay with you?' 'You can stay *as long as* you like.'
- I need the information quickly, so let me know *as soon as* possible.
- I like to keep fit, so I go swimming *as often as* I can.
- I didn't want to wake anybody, so I came in *as quietly as* I could.

In the following sentences use *just as ... as*.

- I'm going to sleep on the floor. It's *just as* the bed.
- You always say how tiring your job is, but I work *just as* you.
- At first I thought he was nice, but really he's *just as* everybody else.

107.4 Write sentences using *the same as*.

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

107.5 Complete the sentences with *than ... or as* ...

- I can't reach as high as you. You are taller *than me*.
- He doesn't know much. I know more *than he*.
- I don't work particularly hard. Most people work as hard *as you*.
- We were very surprised. Nobody was more surprised *than we were*.
- She's not a very good player. I'm a better player *than she is*.
- They've been very lucky. I wish we were as lucky *as they are*.

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108.1 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most ...) + a preposition (of or in).

- 1 It's a very good room. It's the best room in the hotel.
- 2 It's a very cheap restaurant. It's the cheapest in the town.
- 3 It was a very happy day. It was the happiest in my life.
- 4 She's a very intelligent student. She's the most intelligent in the class.
- 5 It's a very valuable painting. It's the most valuable in the gallery.
- 6 Spring is a very busy time for me. It's the busiest in the year.

In the following sentences use **one of** + a superlative + a preposition.

- 7 It's a very good room. It's one of the best rooms in the hotel.
- 8 He's a very rich man. He's one of the richest in the country.
- 9 It's a very big castle. It's one of the biggest in Europe.
- 10 She's a very good player. She's one of the best in the team.
- 11 It was a very bad experience. It was one of the worst in my life.
- 12 It's a very famous university. It's one of the most famous in the world.

108.2 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most ...) or a comparative (-er or more ...).

- 1 We stayed at the cheapest hotel in the town. (cheap)
- 2 Our hotel was cheaper than all the others in the town. (cheap)
- 3 The United States is very large, but Canada is larger. (large)
- 4 What's the smallest country in the world? (small)
- 5 I wasn't feeling well yesterday, but I feel a bit better today. (good)
- 6 It was an awful day. It was worse day of my life. (bad)
- 7 What is the most popular sport in your country? (popular)
- 8 Everest is the highest mountain in the world. It is higher than any other mountain. (high)
- 9 This building is over 250 metres high, but it's not the tallest in the city. (tall)
- 10 I prefer this chair to the other one. It's more comfortable. (comfortable)
- 11 What's the quickest way to get to the station? (quick)
- 12 Which is faster – the bus or the train? (quick)
- 13 What's the most expensive thing you've ever bought? (expensive)
- 14 Sue and Kevin have got three daughters. Their is 14 years old. (old)

108.3 What do you say in these situations? Use a superlative + ever. Use the words in brackets (in the correct form).

- 1 You've just been to the cinema. The movie was extremely boring. You tell your friend: (boring / movie / see) That's the most boring movie I've ever seen.
- 2 Your friend has just told you a joke, which you think is very funny. You say: (funny / joke / hear) That's the funniest joke I've ever heard.
- 3 You're drinking coffee with a friend. It's really good coffee. You say: (good / coffee / taste) This is the best coffee I've ever tasted.
- 4 You are talking to a friend about Sarah. Sarah is very generous. You tell your friend about her: (generous / person / meet) She is the most generous person I've ever met.
- 5 You have just run ten kilometres. You've never run further than this. You say to your friend: (far / run) That is the farthest I've ever run.
- 6 You decided to give up your job. Now you think this was a bad mistake. You say to your friend: (bad / mistake / make) It was the worst mistake I've ever made.
- 7 Your friend meets a lot of people, some of them famous. You ask your friend: (famous / person / meet?) Who is the most famous person you've ever met?

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

- 1 It's too noisy here. Can we go somewhere quieter ?
- 2 This coffee is very weak. I like it more.
- 3 The hotel was surprisingly big. I expected it to be smaller.
- 4 The hotel was surprisingly cheap. I expected it to be more expensive.
- 5 The weather is too cold here. I'd like to live somewhere warmer.
- 6 My job is a bit boring sometimes. I'd like to do something more interesting.
- 7 It's a shame you live so far away. I wish you lived closer.
- 8 I was surprised how easy it was to get a job. I thought it would be more difficult.
- 9 Your work isn't very good. I'm sure you can do better.
- 10 Don't worry. The situation isn't so bad. It could be worse.
- 11 I was surprised we got here so quickly. I expected the trip to take longer.
- 12 You're talking very loudly. Can you speak quieter ?
- 13 You hardly ever call me. Why don't you call me more often ?
- 14 You're standing too near the camera. Can you move a bit further away?
- 15 You were a little depressed yesterday, but you look more cheerful today.

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

big	crowded	early	easily	high	important
interested	peaceful	reliable	serious	simple	thin

- 1 I was feeling tired last night, so I went to bed earlier than usual.
- 2 I'd like to have a more reliable car. The one I have keeps breaking down.
- 3 Unfortunately her illness was worse than we thought at first.
- 4 You look thinner than . Have you lost weight?
- 5 I want a smaller apartment. We don't have enough space here.
- 6 He doesn't study very hard. He's less interested in having a good time.
- 7 Health and happiness are more important than money.
- 8 The instructions were very complicated. They could have been more difficult.
- 9 There were a lot of people on the bus. It was more crowded than usual.
- 10 I like living in the country. It's quieter than living in a town.
- 11 You'll find your way around the town more easily than if you have a good map.
- 12 In some parts of the country, prices are higher than in others.

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

- 1 Yesterday the temperature was six degrees. Today it's only three degrees.
It's colder today than it was yesterday.
- 2 The journey takes four hours by car and five hours by train.
It takes longer by car than.
- 3 Dan and I went for a run. I ran ten kilometres. Dan stopped after eight kilometres.
I ran farther than Dan.
- 4 Chris and Joe both did badly in the test. Chris got 30%, but Joe only got 25%.
Joe did worse than Chris in the test.
- 5 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.
- 6 You can go by bus or by train. The buses run every 30 minutes. The trains run every hour.
The buses run more frequently than the trains.
- 7 We were very busy in the office today. We're not usually so busy.
We are busier than usual in the office today.