Before comparatives you can use:

much **a lot** **far** (= a lot) **a bit** **a little** **slightly** (= a little)

- Let's go by car. It's **much cheaper**. (*or* **a lot cheaper**)
- 'How do you feel now?' '**Much better**, thanks.'
- Don't go by train. It's **a lot more expensive**. (*or* **much more expensive**)
- Could you speak **a bit more slowly**? (*or* **a little more slowly**)
- This bag is **slightly heavier** than the other one.
- Her illness was **far more serious** than we thought at first. (*or* **much more serious** / **a lot more serious**)

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)