

a bit, a little, slightly, much, far, a lot

3 Complete the sentences with a word from the box and the correct form of the adjective in brackets.

a bit a little a lot as ... as
far much slightly than

Comparative and superlative adjectives, (not) as ... as

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective in brackets.

- 1 The (good) way to get to the island is by boat.
- 2 I prefer to walk because it's as (quick) as the bus.
- 3 Using Google maps is the (easy) way to get directions.
- 4 Why are you late? I expected you to be here (early).
- 5 Health and happiness are (important) than money.
- 6 In Moscow travelling by underground is (fast) than by bus.
- 7 That was the (bad) storm in ten years.
- 8 My suitcase was (heavy) after I put all my shoes in it.

Sunshine Hotel
500€ a night 200 rooms
200 m from the beach
breakfast from 6-9 am
2 hours from airport

TIPTOP HOTEL
55€ a night 20 rooms
200 m from the beach
no breakfast available
20 mins from airport

The Grand Hotel

- 50€ a night
- 200 rooms
- 1 km from the beach
- breakfast from 9-11 am
- 15 mins from airport

- 1 The Tiptop Hotel is the Sunshine Hotel. (small)
- 2 The Sunshine Hotel is the Grand Hotel. (expensive)
- 3 The Sunshine Hotel is the Grand Hotel. (big)
- 4 It takes to get to the Tiptop Hotel from the airport to the Grand Hotel. (long)
- 5 The Grand Hotel serves breakfast the Sunshine Hotel. (late)
- 6 The Tiptop Hotel is the beach the Grand Hotel. (near)
- 7 The Grand Hotel is the Tiptop Hotel. (cheap)
- 8 The Grand Hotel isn't the Tiptop Hotel. (small)

Vocabulary

Buildings and places

Match the places with the signs.

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 art gallery | 5 sports centre |
| 2 department store | 6 youth club |
| 3 fountain | 7 town hall |
| 4 library | 8 stadium |

a **Don't throw
rubbish in the
water**

b **TEMPORARY
EXHIBITION -
Landscapes from the
18th century**

c **LIFT TO SECOND FLOOR
- CHILDREN'S CLOTHES**

e **Friday night fancy-
dress party. Under-
eighteens only**

g **Council meeting
here Friday
8.00 pm**

d **ADVENTURE AND
COMIC BOOKS**

f **Lions vs Bears
Champions match -
tickets here**

h **Swimming classes
1-9 pm**

On holiday

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Practice

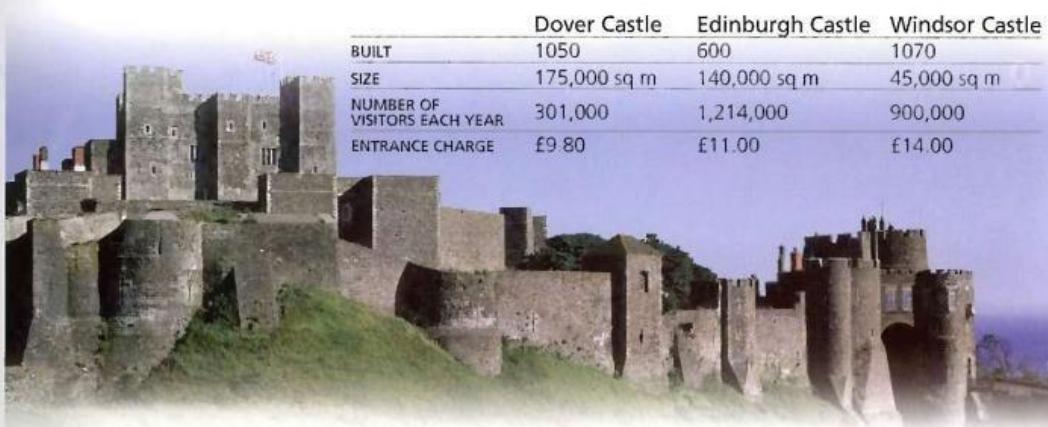
1 Write the missing words in the box. Then complete the sentences below.
Use some of the words from the box. 2.65 Listen and check.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------|----------|-------|--------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| adjective | fast | friendly | happy | | late | dry | | bad | far |
| superlative | fastest | | | nicest | | | best | | |

Complete these sentences.

- 0 That was the *worst* meal I've ever eaten. It was disgusting!
- 1 July is usually the month in my country. It never rains then.
- 2 Milo is the student in my class. He talks to everybody.
- 3 Neptune is the planet from the sun.
- 4 The time you can arrive is six o'clock. We close the doors after that.

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the information about three British castles. Complete the questions with a superlative form of the adjectives in brackets (). Then answer the questions.



| | Dover Castle | Edinburgh Castle | Windsor Castle |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| BUILT | 1050 | 600 | 1070 |
| SIZE | 175,000 sq m | 140,000 sq m | 45,000 sq m |
| NUMBER OF VISITORS EACH YEAR | 301,000 | 1,214,000 | 900,000 |
| ENTRANCE CHARGE | £9.80 | £11.00 | £14.00 |

- 0 Which is *the most expensive* (expensive) castle to visit? *Windsor Castle*
- 1 Which is (old) castle?
- 2 Which castle is (popular)?
- 3 Which castle is (small)?
- 4 Which castle is (big)?
- 5 Which castle has (low) entrance charge?

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Choose the correct words in *italics* in the conversation.

2.66 Listen and check.

LOUIS So, Carol. Did you enjoy your holiday?
 CAROL Yes. It was the (0) *better* / *best* holiday I've ever had!
 LOUIS Really? What was the (1) *most good* / *best* part?
 CAROL Well, the hotel was fantastic, but the coast was really beautiful.
 LOUIS And what was the (2) *most beautiful* / *beautifulest* place?
 CAROL Definitely the beach. It was the (3) *most warm* / *warmest* water I've ever swum in.
 And there were some good restaurants in the town. The Thai restaurant was
 (4) *nicest* / *the nicest* one, although it was the (5) *furthest* / *most far* from the hotel.
 LOUIS Was that the best one (6) *in* / *of* the town?
 CAROL Yes, and it was the (7) *less* / *least* expensive one there! The Italian restaurant
 was the (8) *most* / *more* expensive one, but it wasn't very nice.

Go online for more practice

Practice

1 Do sentences A and B have the same (S) or different (D) meanings? Write S or D.

| | | |
|---|--|-------|
| 0 A My sister isn't as tall as me. | B I'm taller than my sister. | |
| 1 A I'm twenty-one. My sister is eighteen. | B I'm not as old as my sister. | |
| 2 A The price of tea and coffee is the same. | B Tea is not as expensive as coffee. | |
| 3 A I visit my grandfather once a month and I visit my cousins twice a month. | B I don't visit my grandfather as often as I visit my cousins. | |
| 4 A American football isn't as popular as soccer. | B Soccer is less popular than American football. | |

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the information.

Then write sentences comparing the two apartments.

Use *not as ... as* or *the same (... as)* and the words in brackets (). Write your own opinions for sentences 5 and 6. **2.67** Listen and check.

| location | TURLEY STREET | SALFORD ROAD |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| distance from bus stop | 100 metres | 400 metres |
| price | £350 per month | £500 per month |
| size | 100 sq m | 100 sq m |
| distance from centre | 6 km | 2 km |
| age of building | 2002 | 1920 |



- 0 (near the bus stop) *Salford Road isn't as near the bus stop as Turley Street.*.....
- 1 (expensive)
- 2 (size)
- 3 (far from the centre)
- 4 (new)
- 5 (beautiful) *I think*.....
- 6 (comfortable) *I think*.....

3 GRAMMAR IN USE The words in the box are missing from the conversation.

Put them in the correct positions. **2.68** Listen and check.

SILVIE What do you think of these jeans? *as* the *as* same *as*
 CLAUDE They aren't as nice *as* the ones you bought last winter.

SILVIE Really? I think they're exactly same as those.

CLAUDE No. They're a much darker colour.

SILVIE Yes, perhaps you're right.

CLAUDE Did they cost the *as* the other pair?

SILVIE No. They weren't expensive *as* those. I bought them in the sale.

CLAUDE Do they have any Calvin Klein jeans in the sale?

SILVIE No, but they have some that are nearly the same Calvin Klein jeans – they look like them but they're cheaper.

CLAUDE You mean they're copies. I always think they look completely different from the real ones!

2 GRAMMAR IN USE The words in the box are missing from the text. Put them in the correct positions. (They are in the same order as in the text.)  2.43 Listen and check.

lot of far to from not more

Television viewers are sometimes surprised to learn that natural history programmes are often a lot more popular than soap operas or films. One the most famous presenters is David Attenborough. He has been making programmes about nature since the 1960s.

In those days Jacques Cousteau was by the most famous TV presenter of nature programmes.

Although Cousteau only made programmes about life in the sea, his style of presenting was similar Attenborough's – they both seem like friendly uncles who really love nature.

Of course, today's programmes are different those of fifty years ago. In those days cameras were nearly as small and light as they are now. Today the technology is much advanced and there are digital special effects which can help us understand the complexity of the natural world.

3 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the words in brackets. Use two to five words in your answer.  2.44 Listen and check.

0 Lions are stronger than tigers. (aren't)

Tigers aren't as strong as lions.

1 I'm not as old as my sister. (than)

My sister

2 Our cat is slightly smaller than Daniel's. (quite)

Our cat isn't Daniel's.

3 Look, Melanie's dress is really similar to your mother's. (same)

Look, Melanie's dress your mother's.

4 Nokia phones are not the same as Motorola ones. (from)

Nokia phones Motorola ones.

5 The Metropole is much more expensive than any other hotel in our town. (far)

The Metropole is hotel in our town.

6 Prices aren't quite as low as they used to be. (bit)

Prices are they used to be.