Types of Comparisons

as* ... (positive degree) ... *as* *not so/as* ... (positive degree) ... *as* *not such a(n)/so* ... *as	*His hands were **as** cold **as** ice.* *It is **not so/as** cold **as** it was yesterday.* *This is **not such an** interesting book **as** his last one.*
twice/three times, etc./half as* ... (positive degree) ... *as	*Their house is **twice as** big **as** ours.* *His car cost **half as** much **as** mine.*
the same as	*Your jacket is **the same as** the one I bought last month.*
look, sound, smell, taste* + *like	*She **looks like** an angel.*
less* ... (positive degree) ... *than* *the least* ... (positive degree) ... *of/in	*The green sofa is **less** expensive **than** the black one, but the blue one is **the least** expensive **of** all.*
***the* + comparative ..., *the* + comparative**	***The sooner** you start, **the sooner** you'll finish.* *The **younger** you are, the **more** freedom you have.*
comparative + *and* + comparative	*Life is getting **harder and harder**.*
***prefer* + *-ing* form or noun + *to* + *-ing* form or noun** (general preference)	*I **prefer watching** TV **to going** out.* *I **prefer** lemonade **to** cola.*
would prefer* + *to* -inf + *rather than* + inf without *to (specific preference)	*I **would prefer to eat** in **rather than go** to a restaurant.* *He would prefer **to leave rather than accept** a pay cut.*
would rather/sooner* + inf without *to* + *than* + inf without *to	*I'd **rather look** for a new flat **than stay** in this house any longer.*
clause + *whereas/while* + clause (comparison by contrast)	*Tom likes living in the country **whereas** his sister likes living in the city.*

26 **Fill in the gaps with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjectives or adverbs in brackets, as in the example. Add any necessary words.**

1 The older **(old)** Frank gets, the wiser **(wise)** he becomes.
2 ..... **(soon)** we start, ... **(soon)** we'll get the job finished.
3 My meal was certainly not ..... **(tasty)** yours.
4 This TV is three times ..... **(expensive)** the one we saw in the last shop.
5 ..... **(fast)** he ran, ... **(tired)** he became.
6 ..... **(hard)** she works, ... **(successful)** she becomes.
7 The weather is getting ..... **(cold)** and ..... **(cold)** every day.
8 The more books he reads, ... **(good)** at reading he becomes.
9 ..... **(few)** and ..... **(few)** people are writing letters nowadays.
10 Lisa is becoming ..... **(outgoing)** as the years go by.
11 Today, it is ..... **(sunny)** it was yesterday.
12 Computers are getting ..... **(cheap)** all the time.

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4 Adjectives / Adverbs / Comparisons

27 Fill in: *would prefer ... rather than, less ... than, such a, twice as ... as, the same as, the sooner ... the sooner, like.*

Chris: That's a lovely new car you've got, Fred. I've never seen 1) *such a* beautiful machine. It looks 2) ..... a car from a James Bond film!

Fred: Thanks, Chris. Actually, it's 3) ..... the one they used in the recent Batman film. I'm really happy with it.

Chris: It must be 4) ..... fast ..... my car. But it would be far too expensive for me.

Fred: Well, these sorts of cars are 5) ..... expensive ..... you'd think nowadays. You should buy one! 6) ..... you go down to the car showroom, ... you'll be driving in style!

Chris: I'm not sure, Fred. I think I 7) ..... to spend my money on a holiday ..... on a new car. Thanks for the tip though.

28 Fill in: *as, not so ... as, different from, whereas, more, than, like* or *same*.

Dear Mike,

Thanks for telling me about your school's excursion to the National Museum. Every year, my school goes on an excursion to an amusement park. This year we decided not to go to the 1) *same* place 2) ..... last year. It turned out to be a good decision. Although Fun City was 3) ..... expensive 4) ..... Water World, the park we visited last year, it was worth it. Fun City was completely 5) ..... Water World. It looked just 6) ..... a giant playground, 7) ..... Water World resembled a dirty lake! Also, the staff at Water World were 8) ..... friendly 9) ..... those at Fun City. Everyone had a great time and I can't wait until next year!



29 Fill in: *further, furthest, better, best, worse* and *worst*.

A: We've been driving for hours! And the weather is getting 1) *worse* now. How much 2) ..... is it?

B: I'm not sure, but according to the map, this is the 3) ..... route to take.

A: Give me the map, please. I'll find a 4) ..... way to get there. Why did Dave choose the 5) ..... restaurant from town to go to on such a rainy night?

B: I don't know. I think it's also one of the 6) ..... places to eat.

A: Well, at this rate we're never going to get there!!

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30 Choose the correct answer.

1 The plane flew ..... into the sky.
A higher and highest
B highest and highest
C higher and higher

2 The more the customer complained, ... the manager became.
A the angrier B angrier C the angriest

3 Africa is by far the ..... continent.
A hot B hotter C hottest

4 ..... you drive, the quicker we'll get there.
A Faster B The faster C The fastest

5 The music got louder and ..... .
A louder B loudest C loud

6 Clothes seem to be getting ..... expensive all the time.
A most B the more
C more and more

7 The music at the club got ..... as the night went on.
A the loudest
B louder and louder C the louder

8 Frank earns ..... money than his brother does.
A less B the least C little

9 ..... I had to queue at the bank, the more impatient I became.
A The longest B Longer C The longer

10 This MP3 player is ..... expensive model on the market.
A most B more C the most

11 The smaller a flat is, ... the rent will be.
A lower B the lower C the lowest

12 ..... people are choosing to buy music online.
A The most B More and more
C Many and many

31 Look at the pictures, then make comparisons using the adjectives given.


firefighter


chair


bike


boots


Brenda


doctor


armchair


car


slippers


Tim


pilot

dangerous, well-paid, exciting, interesting


stool

big, soft, hard, uncomfortable, expensive


motorbike

fast, clean, safe, spacious, cheap


flip flops

comfortable, warm, heavy, light, expensive


Julie

old, young, heavy, good-looking, long, short hair

A firefighter's job is more dangerous than a doctor's job.

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