

c Rewrite the sentences with as...as.

- 1 My new car goes faster than my old one.
My old car doesn't go as fast as my new one.
- 2 Her shoes were more expensive than her handbag.
Her handbag wasn't as expensive as her shoes.
- 3 My sister's office is bigger than mine.
My office isn't as big as my sister's office.
- 4 Spain played better than Germany.
Germany didn't play as well as Spain.
- 5 You drive more carefully than me.
I don't drive as carefully as you.
- 6 Harry looks more relaxed than Sally.
Sally doesn't look as relaxed as Harry.

d Look at the chart comparing life today and five years ago. Complete the sentences.

Daily life in numbers		
	Five years ago	Today
1	£85 per week	£112 per week
2	876 per 1,000 people	1,045 per 1,000 people
3	£24,000	£15,000
4	10/year	8/year
5	68 minutes/day	74 minutes/day
6	39%	38%

- 1 **expensive** Food is more expensive than it was five years ago.
- 2 **popular** Phones are more popular than they were five years ago.
- 3 **expensive** Electric cars aren't as expensive as they were five years ago.
- 4 **small** Cinema audiences are smaller than.
- 5 **bad** The traffic is worse than it was five years ago.
- 6 **happy** People aren't as happy as they were five years ago.



3 PRONUNCIATION /ə/

a Circle the /ə/ sounds in these words and phrases.

- 1 busier
- 2 not as old as
- 3 better
- 4 as good as
- 5 more than
- 6 quicker

b 5.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words and phrases.

c Read the sentences and look at the bold letters. Circle the /ə/ sounds.

- 1 The 10.15 train's **much faster** than the 9.55.
- 2 His last book **wasn't as good as** his first one.
- 3 I'm **busier** than I was **last** year.
- 4 It's **cheaper** to buy that kind **of** thing **online**.
- 5 I don't spend **as** much time **working as** before.
- 6 This test isn't **as easy as** it looks.

d 5.2 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.

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