

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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 My sister's office is bigger than mine.  
My office isn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Spain played better than Germany.  
Germany didn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 You drive more carefully than me.  
I don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Harry looks more relaxed than Sally.  
Sally doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ they were five years ago.
- 3 **expensive** Electric cars aren't as \_\_\_\_\_ they were five years ago.
- 4 **small** Cinema audiences are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 **bad** The traffic \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 **happy** People \_\_\_\_\_.



### 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 **er** 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.