

Choose the best word.

a This camera is easily **the / a** best of its type.

b I wasn't so much surprised **as / than** shocked by the result.

c That was **probably / not nearly** the best football match I've ever seen!

d Politics is **too / so** important an activity to be left to politicians.

e It was **as / too** good an opportunity to miss, so I accepted the job.

ff It's quicker to travel by bus **than / like** by car in the city centre.

g As the medicine took effect, Tina became **far and away / more and more** sleepy.

h You are **every bit / miles** as responsible for what happened as I am.

Cats are **not nearly / a lot** harder to understand than dogs.

j This looks **like / as** the place. It fits the description, anyway.

k I think the Harry Potter films are **about as / a lot** more interesting than the books.

i This is definitely **the better / the best** beach we've been to so far.

Complete the sentence with one word in each gap.

a Budapest is one of the _____ beautiful cities in the world.

b You haven't really worked hard _____ to get a higher mark.

c The more exercise you take, the _____ you will feel!

d Quite honestly, I don't think this is as hard an examination _____ it used to be.

e This is _____ most beautiful beach in the Mediterranean. Don't you think so?

f I've done just _____ much shopping as anyone can do in one day!

g The film was every _____ as entertaining as I expected it to be.

h Most of Winterson's books are good, but I think this one is the best of _____ all.

The boat drifted _____ and no-one noticed Sue had fallen into the sea.

j The hotel was a _____ more expensive than I expected, so I looked for a cheaper one.

k This crossword puzzle isn't quite as easy _____ I thought it was.

I Helen's paintings were far and _____ the best in the exhibition.

Complete the sentence with like, as, too or enough.

a You can use the pool _____ many times as you like in a week.

b We called the fire brigade but they didn't get to the house soon _____

c Wear same warm clothes. It looks _____ snow

d Harry walked into the city centre, but it was _____ early to get any breakfast.

e A kilt is a bit _____ a skirt, but for men.

f At weekends Tony works _____ a cashier in a supermarket.

g They wouldn't let Dave into the club because he didn't look old _____

h You don't look as well _____ you did last week.

i Open a window! This room smells _____ a farmyard!

j The man next to me on the train was snoring _____ a pig.

k Quite honestly, I thought the news was _____ good to be true.

I The ladder wasn't quite long _____ to reach the upstairs window.

Choose the best option, A, B or C, to complete the sentence.

Memory

It's quite common to hear someone complain that their memory is a ____ as it used to be, or that the more things they try to remember, b ____ quickly they seem to forget. However, memory is c ____ complicated than we usually think. For example, remembering facts is not at all d ____ remembering how to perform an action, and it seems that we don't 'forget' how to ride a bicycle or drive a car. For some people, it may be e ____ to remember what they have just read f ____ recall where they left their car keys. Of course, g ____ interesting a topic is, the more we remember about it, and we are almost certainly h ____ to recall something we have read or seen recently, because it remains active in our memory. When studying is concerned, there are certainly ways of making the memory i ____ It's j ____ to remember disorganized information, so note-making and summarizing are important, and the learner, not the teacher, has to do this.

Regular reviewing of what has been learned is k ____ ways of strengthening memory. Some learners have l ____ visual than a verbal memory, and may remember more by associating ideas with visual images. There are plenty of books on the market which illustrate these techniques, always assuming that you can remember to buy one!

a A less good	B worse	C not as good
b A not nearly as	B the more	C it's just as
c A by far	B easily	C a lot more
d A the same as	B like	C as if
e A probably	B much easier	C nowhere near as
f A as	B than to	C the more
g A just about as much	B more and more	C the more
h A faster and faster	B far and away	C more likely
i A more efficient	B as good as	C every bit as
j A just as easy	B not so easy	C easier and easier
k A as important	B more and more important	C one of the best
l A just as good	B easily the best	C a better

