



## Conversational English

Let's practice comparatives!

Complete the sentences using the structure in Section C (... and ...).

- 1 Cathy got more and more bored in her job. In the end she left. (bored)
- 2 That hole in your sweater is getting ...... (big)
- 3 My bags seemed to get ..... as I carried them. (heavy)
- 4 As I waited for my interview, I became ...... (nervous)
- 5 As the day went on, the weather got ...... (bad)
- 6 Health care is becoming ...... (expensive)
- 7 Since Anna went to Canada, her English has got ...... (good)
- 8 As the conversation went on, Paul became ...... (talkative)

These sentences are like those in Section D. Use the words in brackets (in the correct form) to complete the sentences.

- 1 I like warm weather.  
The warmer the weather, the better I feel. (feel)
- 2 I didn't really like him when we first met.  
But the more I got to know him, ...... (like)
- 3 If you're in business, you want to make a profit.  
The more goods you sell, ...... (profit)
- 4 It's hard to concentrate when you're tired.  
The more tired you are, ...... (hard)
- 5 Kate had to wait a very long time.  
The longer she waited, ...... (impatient / become)

Which is correct, older or elder? Or both of them?

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- 1 My older / elder sister is a TV producer. (older and elder are both correct)
- 2 I'm surprised Diane is only 25. I thought she was older / elder.
- 3 Jane's younger sister is still at school. Her older / elder sister is a nurse.
- 4 Martin is older / elder than his brother.

Complete the sentences using as ... as.

- 1 I'm quite tall, but you are taller. I'm not as tall as you.
- 2 My salary is high, but yours is higher. My salary isn't as high as yours.
- 3 You know a bit about cars, but I know more.  
You don't as much as I do.
- 4 It's still cold, but it was colder yesterday.  
It isn't as cold as it was yesterday.
- 5 I still feel quite tired, but I felt a lot more tired yesterday.  
I don't as tired as I was yesterday.
- 6 Our neighbours have lived here for quite a long time, but we've lived here longer.  
Our neighbours haven't as long as we have.
- 7 I was a bit nervous before the interview, but usually I'm a lot more nervous.  
I wasn't as nervous as I usually am.

Write a new sentence with the same meaning.

- 1 Richard is younger than he looks. Richard isn't as old as he looks.
- 2 I didn't spend as much money as you. You spent more money than me.
- 3 The station was nearer than I thought. The station wasn't as near as I thought.
- 4 The meal didn't cost as much as I expected. The meal cost as much as I expected.
- 5 I go out less than I used to. I don't go out as much as I used to.
- 6 Karen's hair isn't as long as it used to be. Karen used to have longer hair than she does now.
- 7 I know them better than you do. You don't know them as well as I do.
- 8 There are fewer people at this meeting than at the last one.  
There aren't as many people as there were at the last meeting.

Complete the sentences using as ... as + the following:

bad      comfortable      fast      long      often      quietly      soon      well      well-qualified

- 1 I'm sorry I'm late. I got here as fast as I could.
- 2 It was a difficult question. I answered it as well as I could.
- 3 'How long can I stay with you?' 'You can stay as long as you like.'
- 4 I need the information quickly, so let me know as soon as possible.
- 5 I like to keep fit, so I go swimming as often as I can.
- 6 I didn't want to wake anybody, so I came in as quietly as I could.

In the following sentences use just as ... as.

- 7 I'm going to sleep on the floor. It's just as the bed.
- 8 Why did he get the job rather than me? I'm just as him.
- 9 At first I thought he was nice, but really he's just as everybody else.

**Write sentences using the same as.**

- 1 David and James are both 22 years old. David is the same age as James.
- 2 You and I both have dark brown hair. Your hair.....
- 3 I arrived at 10.25 and so did you. I .....
- 4 My birthday is 5 April. Tom's birthday is 5 April too. My.....

**Complete the sentences with than ... or as ... .**

- 1 I can't reach as high as you. You are taller than me.
- 2 He doesn't know much. I know more .....
- 3 I don't work particularly hard. Most people work as hard .....
- 4 We were very surprised. Nobody was more surprised .....
- 5 She's not a very good player. I'm a better player .....
- 6 They've been very lucky. I wish we were as lucky .....