



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?

- 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
- 3 You know a bit about cars, but I know more.
You don't
- 4 It's still cold, but it was colder yesterday.
It isn't
- 5 I still feel quite tired, but I felt a lot more tired yesterday.
I don't
- 6 Our neighbours have lived here for quite a long time, but we've lived here longer.
Our neighbours haven't
- 7 I was a bit nervous before the interview, but usually I'm a lot more nervous.
I wasn't

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
- 4 The meal didn't cost as much as I expected. The meal cost
- 5 I go out less than I used to. I don't
- 6 Karen's hair isn't as long as it used to be. Karen used to
- 7 I know them better than you do. You don't
- 8 There are fewer people at this meeting than at the last one.
There aren't

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 I could.
- 3 'How long can I stay with you?' 'You can stay you like.'
- 4 I need the information quickly, so let me know possible.
- 5 I like to keep fit, so I go swimming I can.
- 6 I didn't want to wake anybody, so I came in I could.

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

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