

Comparative and superlative structures

I can compare partners-in-crime from the past.

1 Correct the sentences.

1 They took longer that planned.

2 Your bag isn't half as heavier as mine.

3 It's as a reliable car as you'll ever have.

4 It's getting more difficult and more difficult to find a job.

5 This exam was ten times harder as last year's.

6 He isn't such good a player as he thinks.

7 We spent more on drinks than we are on food.

8 The further you walk, fewer people you'll meet.

2 Complete the sentences with *as* or *like*. Sometimes both answers are possible.

1 I failed the last exam, _____ did most of my class.

2 Andy hopes to become an architect, _____ his sisters did before him.

3 _____ her brothers and sisters, Amelia is bilingual.

4 _____ a doctor, my father is expected to treat medical emergencies whenever they occur.

5 _____ you, I'm looking forward to the holidays.

6 _____ a student, her scholarship only covers her tuition fees.

7 We could get a taxi home together _____ we did last time.

8 My dad's an excellent cook, _____ is my grandad.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Write no more than six words and include the word in brackets.

1 She gradually became less interested in her old friends as her fame spread. (*and*)

As her fame spread, she became _____ in her old friends.

2 Both the thief and his accomplice served ten years in prison. (*did*)

The thief served ten years in prison. _____ accomplice.

3 Matt thinks he's a good driver, but he isn't. (*as*)

Matt isn't _____ he thinks he is.

4 Holly arrived late yesterday, but she arrived even later today. (*than*)

Holly arrived _____ yesterday.

5 A guesthouse in Brighton is half the price of a hotel. (*expensive*)

A hotel in Brighton _____ as a guesthouse.

6 Daisy and nearly all her friends are political activists. (*most*)

Daisy is a political activist, _____ her friends.

7 My brother has to wear a uniform because he's in the police. (*officer*)

_____, my brother has to wear a uniform.

8 I've never experienced a more frightening ride. (*as*)

It's _____ I've ever experienced.

4 USE OF ENGLISH Complete the text. Write one word in each gap.

THE NEWTON BOYS



1 _____ the Wild Bunch, the Newton Boys were a popular group of outlaws operating in the American West, though 20 years later. They weren't² _____ a famous gang as the one led by Butch and Sundance, but the members were much easier to coordinate, four of the five being brothers. Butch and Sundance's crimes consisted mainly of robberies,³ _____ did those of the Wild Bunch, but the brothers' speciality was banks. They were ten⁴ _____ more effective than other gangs, because the fifth member was an expert at opening safes.⁵ _____ more experience the brothers gained, the more effective their raids became. Targeting nearly 90 banks in total, there were no bank robbers in history⁶ _____ prolific as the Newton Boys. They were finally caught in 1924, and given much lighter sentences⁷ _____ those stipulated by the law. All four brothers died much older than Butch and Sundance⁸ _____, the last one being 88 when he passed away in 1989.