



Comparatives 2

1.

Complete the sentences using a comparative form (older / more important etc.).

- 1 This restaurant is very expensive. Let's go somewhere cheaper.
- 2 This coffee is very weak. I like it _____.
- 3 The town was surprisingly big. I expected it to be _____.
- 4 The hotel was surprisingly cheap. I expected it to be _____.
- 5 The weather is too cold here. I'd like to live somewhere _____.
- 6 Sometimes my job is a bit boring. I'd like to do something _____.
- 7 It's a shame you live so far away. I wish you lived _____.
- 8 It was quite easy to find a place to live. I thought it would be _____.
- 9 Your work isn't very good. I'm sure you can do _____.
- 10 Don't worry. The situation isn't so bad. It could be _____.
- 11 You hardly ever call me. Why don't you call me _____?
- 12 You're too near the camera. Can you move a bit _____ away?

Complete the sentences. Use the comparative forms of the words in the box. Use **than** where necessary.

big early high important interested peaceful reliable serious slowly thin

- 1 I was feeling tired last night, so I went to bed earlier than usual.
- 2 I'd like to have a more reliable car. The one I have keeps breaking down.
- 3 Unfortunately the problem was _____, we thought at first.
- 4 You look _____. Have you lost weight?
- 5 We don't have enough space here. We need a _____ apartment.
- 6 James doesn't study very hard. He's _____, in having a good time.
- 7 Health and happiness are _____ money.
- 8 I like living in the country. It's _____, living in a town.
- 9 I'm sorry I don't understand. Can you speak _____, please?
- 10 In some parts of the country, prices are _____ in others.

2.

Complete the sentences. Choose from:

than more worse quietly longer better careful frequent

- 1 Getting a visa was complicated. It took longer than I expected.
- 2 Sorry about my mistake. I'll try and be more _____ in future.
- 3 Your English has improved. It's _____ than it was.
- 4 You can travel by bus or by train. The buses are more _____ than the trains.
- 5 You can't always have things immediately. You have to be _____ patient.
- 6 I'm a pessimist. I always think things are going to get _____.
- 7 We were busier _____ usual in the office today. It's not usually so busy.
- 8 You're talking very loudly. Can you speak more _____?

Read the situations and complete the sentences. Use a comparative form (-er or more ...).

- 1 Yesterday the temperature was six degrees. Today it's only three degrees.
It's colder today than it was yesterday.
- 2 Dan and I went for a run. I ran ten kilometres. Dan stopped after eight kilometres.
I ran _____ Dan.
- 3 The journey takes four hours by car and five hours by train.
The journey takes _____ train _____ car.
- 4 I expected my friends to arrive at about 4 o'clock. In fact they arrived at 2.30.
My friends _____ I expected.
- 5 There is always a lot of traffic here, but today the traffic is really bad.
The traffic today _____ usual.

3.

Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences. Use **much** / **a bit** etc. + a comparative form. Use **than** where necessary.

- The problem is much more serious than we thought at first. (much / serious)
- This bag is too small. I need something much bigger. (much / big)
- I liked the museum. It was a lot more interesting than I expected. (a lot / interesting)
- It was very hot yesterday. Today it's a little cooler. (a little / cool)
- I'm afraid the problem is far more complicated than it seems. (far / complicated)
- You're driving too fast. Can you drive a bit more slowly? (a bit / slowly)
- I thought he was younger than me, but in fact he's slightly older. (slightly / old)

Complete the sentences using **any/no** + comparative. Use **than** where necessary.

- I've waited long enough. I'm not waiting any longer.
- I'm sorry I'm a bit late, but I couldn't get here any earlier.
- This shop isn't expensive. The prices are no cheaper than anywhere else.
- I need to stop for a rest. I can't walk any further.
- The traffic isn't especially bad today. It's no worse than usual.

Complete the sentences using **... and ...** (see Section C).

- It's getting more and more difficult to find a job. (difficult)
- That hole in your sweater is getting bigger and bigger. (big)
- I waited for my interview and became more and more nervous. (nervous)
- As the day went on, the weather got worse and worse. (bad)
- Health care is becoming more and more expensive. (expensive)
- Since Anna went to Canada, her English has got better and better. (good)
- These days I travel a lot. I'm spending more and more time away from home. (time)

4.

Complete the sentences using **the ... the ...**.

- You learn things more easily when you're young.
The younger you are, the easier it is to learn.
- It's hard to concentrate when you're tired.
The more tired you are, the harder it is to concentrate.
- We should decide what to do as soon as possible.
The sooner we decide, the better.
- I know more, but I understand less.
The more I know, the less I understand.
- If you use more electricity, your bill will be higher.
The more electricity you use, the higher the bill will be.
- Kate had to wait a long time and became more and more impatient.
The longer she waited, the more impatient she became.

Use the words on the right to complete the sentences.

- I like to travel light. The less luggage, the better.
- The problem is getting older and older and more serious.
- The more time I have, the less it takes me to do things.
- I'm walking as fast as I can. I can't walk any faster.
- The higher your income, the more tax you have to pay.
- I'm surprised Anna is only 25. I thought she was older.
- Jane's younger sister is a nurse.
- I was a little late. The journey took a little longer than I expected.
- Applications for the job must be received no later than 15 April.
- Don't tell him anything. The less he knows, the better.

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5.

Complete the sentences using **as ... as**.

- I'm tall, but you are taller. I'm not as tall as you.
- My salary is high, but yours is higher. My salary isn't _____.
- You know a bit about cars, but I know more.
You don't _____.
- We are busy today, but we were busier yesterday.
We aren't _____.
- I still feel bad, but I felt a lot worse earlier.
I don't _____.
- Our neighbours have lived here for quite a long time, but we've lived here longer.
Our neighbours haven't _____.
- I was a little nervous before the interview, but usually I'm a lot more nervous.
I wasn't _____.

Write a new sentence with the same meaning.

- Jack is younger than he looks. Jack isn't as old as he looks.
- I didn't spend as much money as you. You spent more money than me.
- The station was nearer than I thought. The station wasn't _____.
- The meal didn't cost as much as I expected. The meal cost _____.
- I watch TV less than I used to. I don't _____.
- Karen's hair isn't as long as it used to be. Karen used to _____.
- I know them better than you do. You don't _____.
- There are fewer students in this class than in the other one.
There aren't _____.

6.

Complete the sentences using **as ... as**. Choose from:

fast hard long often quietly soon well

- I'm sorry I'm late. I got here as fast as I could.
- It was a difficult question. I answered it _____ I could.
- 'How long can I stay with you?' 'You can stay _____ you like.'
- I need the information quickly, so let me know _____ possible.
- I like to keep fit, so I go swimming _____ I can.
- I didn't want to wake anybody, so I came in _____ I could.
- You always say how tiring your job is, but I work just _____ you.

Write sentences using **the same as**.

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

Complete the sentences. Choose from:

as him is less me much soon than twice

- I'll let you know as soon as I have any more news.
- My friends arrived earlier _____ I expected.
- I live in the same street _____ Katherine. We're neighbours.
- He doesn't know much. I know more than _____.
- This morning there was _____ traffic than usual.
- I don't watch TV as _____ as I used to.
- Your bag is quite light. Mine is _____ as heavy as yours.
- We were born in the same year. I'm a little older than she _____.
- I was really surprised. Nobody was more surprised than _____.