

Grammar

MAKING COMPARISONS

1 Put one suitable word in each space.

1 My brother is two years older than me.

2 The train takes just long as the bus.

3 I thought the second hotel we stayed in was more friendly.

4 Unfortunately we are well-off than we used to be.

5 Do you think you could make a less noise?

6 These exercises seem to be getting harder and

7 Jean doesn't need as much help as Harry

8 David didn't enjoy the match as much as I

2 Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

1 A. Jill can run faster than Peter.

B. Peter can't run as far as Jill (can)

2 I thought this journey would last longer than it did.

This journey didn't.....

3 I didn't arrive as early as I expected.

I arrived.....

4 You are working too slowly.

You'll have to.....

5 I have a brother who is older than me.

I have an.....

6 Martin thought the second part of the film was more interesting.

Martin didn't think the first.....

7 Paula's work is less careful than before.

Paula has been working.....

8 There aren't any trains earlier than this one.

This is.....

9 All other cafes are further away.

This cafe.....

10 Is this the best price you can offer?

Can't you.....

3 Complete each sentence with the most suitable word or phrase.

1 I really think that apologizing is.....C..... you can do.

- A not as much as
- B a little
- C the least
- D as far as

2 I can't stand this weather. It's getting.....

- A more and more
- B worse and worse
- C coldest and coldest
- D further and further

3 Although Brenda came last, everyone agreed she had..... her best.

- A done
- B made
- C had
- D got

4 I wish Charles worked as hard as Mary.....

- A did
- B can
- C will
- D does

5 The more you water this plant, the..... it will grow.

- A best
- B tall
- C wetter
- D faster

6 From now on, we won't be able to go out as much as we.....

- A were
- B had
- C used to
- D will

7 I've never owned..... independent cat as this one!

- A a more than
- B such an
- C a so
- D as much an

8 Brian has been working..... since he was promoted.

- A much harder
- B as harder
- C more hardly

9 I've been feeling..... tired lately, doctor.

- A the most
- C more and more

D much

10 This exercise will give you..... practice.

A farther

B much more

C as better

D a lot

4 Put one suitable word in each space, beginning with the letter given.

1 Is William feeling any *better* today? ("good")

2 Everyone ate a lot, but Chris ate the *m*..... ("much")

3 What's the *l*..... news about the situation in India? ("late")

4 I'd feel a lot *h*..... if you let me help. ("happy")

5 Graham has been sinking *d*..... into debt lately. ("deep")

6 It's 35 degrees today! It must be the *h*..... day so far this year.
("hot")

7 Only £45? Is that all? Oh well, it's *b*.....than nothing. ("good")

8 He had to wait a *f*..... two months before he got his promotion.
("far")

9 Ruth wore her *b*..... dress to her sister's wedding. ("best")

10 Harry has got over the w..... of his cold. ("bad")