

97) Irregular comparatives. Underline the right forms in these sentences. In some cases both forms are right.

- 1 Is your house much further/farther?
- 2 Who is the oldest/eldest in this class?
- 3 Your driving is worse/worst than mine.
- 4 It's the less/lesser of two evils.
- 5 Have you heard the last/latest news?
- 6 We have no further/farther information.
- 7 Jane Somers writes good/well.
- 8 His latest/last words were: 'The end'.
- 9 This is the town's oldest/eldest house.
- 10 My flat is littler/smaller than yours.
- 11 I've got less/lesser than you.
- 12 Jane is older/elder than I am.
- 13 This is the more/most expensive.
- 14 His English is better/best than mine.
- 15 It's the better/best in the shop.
- 16 It's the furthest/farthest point west.
- 17 It's the oldest/eldest tree in the country.
- 18 She's my elder/older sister.
- 19 I've got the less/least!
- 20 You've got the more/most!

115) Read the letter from a man in prison to his wife. Choose the correct words in italics.

My dearest Monique,

I can't begin to tell you how much I miss you. If only (0) didn't listen / hadn't listened to Tommy Evans all those months ago when he said he wanted a driver to take him to the airport. Obviously, I wish the police (1) didn't catch / hadn't caught us at the warehouse, but I wish even more than I (2) didn't believe / hadn't believed his story.

Well, I'm here now, and I suppose I'm lucky that it's only for two years. I just wish that I (3) am / was closer to home. If only you (4) could visit / could have visited me more often, then I'm sure life would be easier.

Things aren't too bad here, really. I can work during the day and the evenings are OK, but the nights are awful -- I really wish the other prisoners (5) would make / wouldn't make so much noise at night, and I wish I (6) can / could get some more sleep.

Well, I'd better go. It's time (7) I join / to join the others for 'evening activities'. I do enjoy getting letters from you and I wish you (8) would write / write to me more often. I (9) wish / hope that I'll see you soon, but I'd rather (10) you don't bring / you didn't bring the children -- I don't want them to see me here.

105) Choose the best answer, A or B.

- 1 Your sunglasses are similar to mine.
A) They are exactly the same. B) They are almost the same.
- 2 Jackie isn't as friendly as Lucy.
A) Lucy is friendlier than Jackie. B) Jackie is friendlier than Lucy.
- 3 This bed is as comfortable as my old one.
A) My old bed was more comfortable. B) The beds are both comfortable.
- 4 Ana isn't nearly as rich as Susie.
A) Susie is much richer than Ana. B) Susie is a little richer than Ana.
- 5 Our TV is almost as big as Michael's.
A) Michael's TV is a little bigger than ours. B) Michael's TV is much bigger than ours.
- 6 I had one of the best exam results in the school.
A) Nobody had a better result. B) One or two people had a better result.

107) Look at this consumer magazine chart comparing three brands of pizza cheese. Complete the sentences.

Use as...as or not as...as and the correct form of the words in brackets.

PIZZA

CHEESE [+ better/taller- worse]

Brand	Price (per serving)	Taste	Smell
X	5¢	±	-
Y	3¢	±	±
Z	3¢	+	±

- 1 Brand Z _____ (be/expensive) Brand Y.
- 2 Brand Y _____ (be expensive) Brand X.
- 3 Brand X _____ (taste/good) Brand Y.
- 4 Brand Z _____ (taste/good) Brand Y.
- 5 Brand Y _____ (smell/nice) Brand X.
- 6 Brand Y _____ (smell/nice) Brand Z.