

EXERCISES

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

- Her illness was much more serious than we thought at first. (much / serious)
- This bag is too small. I need something ..... (much / big)
- I'm afraid the problem is ..... it seems. (much / complicated)
- You looked depressed this morning but you look ..... now. (a bit / happy)
- I enjoyed our visit to the museum. It was ..... I expected. (far / interesting)
- You're driving too fast. Could you drive .....? (a bit / slowly)
- It's ..... to learn a foreign language in the country where it is spoken. (a lot / easy)
- I thought she was younger than me but in fact she's ..... (slightly / old)

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

- I'm fed up with waiting. I'm not waiting any longer...
- I'm sorry I'm a bit late but I couldn't get here .....
- This shop isn't expensive. The prices are ..... anywhere else.
- I must stop for a rest. I can't walk .....
- The traffic isn't particularly bad today. It's ..... usual.

Complete the sentences using the structure in Section C (...and...).

- It's becoming harder and harder to find a job. (hard)
- That hole in your pullover is getting ..... (big)
- My bags seemed to get ..... as I carried them. (heavy)
- As I waited for my interview, I became ..... (nervous)
- As the day went on, the weather got ..... (bad)
- Travelling is becoming ..... (expensive)
- Since she has been in Britain, her English has got ..... (good)
- As the conversation went on, he became ..... (talkative)

These sentences are like those in Section D. Use the word(s) in brackets (in the correct form) to complete the sentences.

- I like warm weather. The warmer the weather, the better I feel. (feel)
- I didn't really like him when we first met.  
But the more I got to know him, ..... (like)
- If you're in business, you want to make a profit.  
The more goods you sell, ..... (profit)
- It's hard to concentrate when you're tired.  
The more tired you are, ..... (hard)
- She had to wait a very long time.  
The longer she waited, ..... (impatient/become)

Which is correct, older or elder? Or both of them?

- My older / elder brother is a pilot. (older and elder are both correct)
- I'm surprised Diane is only 25. I thought she was older / elder.
- Ann's younger sister is still at school. Her older / elder sister is a nurse.
- Martin is older / elder than his brother.

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5.1 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 a bit tired but I felt a lot more tired yesterday.  
I don't .....
- 6 They've lived here for quite a long time but we've lived here longer.  
They haven't .....
- 7 I was a bit nervous before the interview but usually I'm a lot more nervous.  
I wasn't .....

5.2 Rewrite these sentences so that they have the same meaning.

- 1 Jack is younger than he looks. Jack 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 .....
- 5 I go out less than I used to. I don't .....
- 6 Her hair isn't as long as it used to be. She used to .....
- 7 I know them better than you do. You don't .....
- 8 There were fewer people at this meeting than at the last one.  
There weren't .....

5.3 Complete the sentences using *as...as*. Choose one of the following:

bad comfortable ~~fast~~ long often quietly soon well well-qualified

- 1 I'm sorry I'm a bit 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 please 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 ..... sleeping in that hard bed.
- 8 Why did he get the job rather than me? I'm ..... him.
- 9 At first I thought you were nice but really you're ..... everybody else.

5.4 Write sentences using the same *as*.

- 1 Sally and Kate are both 22 years old. *Sally is the same age as Kate*.
- 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 .....

5.5 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 .....

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1 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most...) + a preposition.

- 1 It's a very nice room. It is the nicest room in the hotel.
- 2 It's a very cheap restaurant. It's ..... the town.
- 3 It was a very happy day. It was ..... my life.
- 4 She's a very intelligent student. She ..... the class.
- 5 It's a very valuable painting. It ..... the gallery.
- 6 Spring is a very busy time for me. It ..... the year.

In the following sentences use one of + a superlative + a preposition.

- 7 It's a very nice room. It is one of the nicest rooms in the hotel.
- 8 He's a very rich man. He's one ..... the world.
- 9 It's a very old castle. It ..... Britain.
- 10 She's a very good player. She ..... the team.
- 11 It was a very bad experience. It ..... my life.
- 12 He's a very dangerous criminal. He ..... the country.

2 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most...) or a comparative (-er or more...).

- 1 We stayed at the cheapest hotel in the town. (cheap)
- 2 Our hotel was cheaper than all the others in the town. (cheap)
- 3 The United States is very large but Canada is ..... (large)
- 4 What's ..... river in the world? (long)
- 5 He was a bit depressed yesterday but he looks ..... today. (happy)
- 6 It was an awful day. It was ..... day of my life. (bad)
- 7 What is ..... sport in your country? (popular)
- 8 Everest is ..... mountain in the world. It is ..... than any other mountain. (high)
- 9 We had a great holiday. It was one of the ..... holidays we've ever had. (enjoyable)
- 10 I prefer this chair to the other one. It's ..... (comfortable)
- 11 What's ..... way of getting from here to the station? (quick)
- 12 Mr and Mrs Brown have got three daughters. .... is 14 years old. (old)

3 What do you say in these situations? Use a superlative + ...ever... Use the words given in brackets (in the correct form).

- 1 You've just been to the cinema. The film was extremely boring. You tell your friend: (boring/film/see) That's the most boring film I've ever seen.
- 2 Your friend has just told you a joke, which you think is very funny. You say: (funny/joke/hear) That's .....
- 3 You're drinking coffee with a friend. It's really good coffee. You say: (good/coffee/taste) This .....
- 4 You are talking to a friend about Mary. Mary is very patient. You tell your friend about her: (patient/person/meet) She .....
- 5 You have just run ten kilometres. You've never run further than this. You say to your friend: (far/run) That .....
- 6 You decided to give up your job. Now you think this was a bad mistake. You say to your friend: (bad/mistake/make) It .....
- 7 Your friend meets a lot of people, some of them famous. You ask your friend: (famous/person/meet?) Who .....

EXERCISES

1.1 *Is the word order right or wrong? Correct the ones that are wrong.*

- 1 Everybody enjoyed the party very much. ...**RIGHT**...
- 2 Tom walks every morning to work. ...**WRONG: to work every morning**...
- 3 Jim doesn't like very much football. ....
- 4 I drink three or four cups of coffee every morning. ....
- 5 I ate quickly my dinner and went out. ....
- 6 Are you going to invite to the party a lot of people? ....
- 7 I phoned Tom immediately after hearing the news. ....
- 8 Did you go late to bed last night? ....
- 9 Sue was here five minutes ago. Where is she now? ....
- 10 Did you learn a lot of things at school today? ....
- 11 I met on my way home a friend of mine. ....
- 12 I fell yesterday off my bicycle. ....

1.2 *Put the parts of the sentence in the right order.*

- 1 (the party / very much / everybody enjoyed) ...**Everybody enjoyed the party very much**...
- 2 (we won / easily / the game) .....
- 3 (quietly / the door / I closed) .....
- 4 (Diane / quite well / speaks / German) .....
- 5 (Tim / all the time / television / watches) .....
- 6 (again / please don't ask / that question) .....
- 7 (football / every weekend / does Ken play?) .....
- 8 (some money / I borrowed / from a friend of mine) .....

1.3 *Complete the sentences. Put the parts in the right order.*

- 1 (for a long time / have lived / in the same house)  
They ...**have lived in the same house for a long time**...
- 2 (to the bank / every Friday / go) I .....
- 3 (home / did you come / so late) Why .....?
- 4 (her car / drives / every day / to work) Ann .....
- 5 (been / recently / to the cinema) I haven't .....
- 6 (at the top of the page / your name / write)  
Please .....
- 7 (her name / after a few minutes / remembered)  
I .....
- 8 (around the town / all morning / walked)  
We .....
- 9 (on Saturday night / didn't see you / at the party)  
I .....
- 10 (some interesting books / found / in the library)  
We .....
- 11 (the children / yesterday / to the zoo / took)  
Sally .....
- 12 (opposite the park / a new hotel / are building)  
They .....

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1.1 Are the underlined words in the right position or not? Correct the sentences that are wrong.

- 1 Tom goes always to work by car. ...WRONG: Tom always goes...
- 2 I cleaned the house and also cooked the dinner. ...RIGHT...
- 3 I have usually a shower when I get up. ....
- 4 We soon found the solution to the problem. ....
- 5 Steve gets hardly ever angry. ....
- 6 I did some shopping and I went also to the bank. ....
- 7 Jane has always to hurry in the morning because she gets up so late. ....
- 8 We all were tired so we all fell asleep. ....
- 9 She always says she'll phone me but she never does. ....

1.2 Rewrite the sentences to include the word in brackets.

- 1 Ann doesn't drink tea. (often) ...Ann doesn't often drink tea...
- 2 We were on holiday. (all) .....
- 3 We were staying at the same hotel. (all) .....
- 4 We enjoyed ourselves. (all) .....
- 5 Catherine is very generous. (always) .....
- 6 I don't have to work on Saturdays. (usually)  
I .....
- 7 Do you watch television in the evenings? (always)  
.....
- 8 Martin is learning French. He is learning Italian. (also)  
Martin is learning French. He .....
- 9 That hotel is very expensive. (probably) .....
- 10 It costs a lot to stay there. (probably) .....
- 11 I can help you. (probably) .....
- 12 I can't help you. (probably) .....

1.3 Complete the sentences. Use the words in brackets in the correct order.

- 1 I can never remember her name. (remember / never / can)
- 2 I ..... sugar in coffee. (take / usually)
- 3 I ..... hungry when I get home from work. (am / usually)
- 4 'Where's Jim?' 'He ..... home early.' (gone / has / probably)
- 5 Mark and Diane ..... in Manchester. (both / were / born)
- 6 Liz is a good pianist. She ..... very well. (sing / also / can)
- 7 Our car ..... down. (often / breaks)
- 8 They live in the same street as me but I ..... to them.  
(never / have / spoken)
- 9 We ..... a long time for the bus. (have / always / to wait)
- 10 My sight isn't very good. I ..... with glasses. (read / can / only)
- 11 I ..... early tomorrow. (probably / leaving / will / be)
- 12 I'm afraid I ..... able to come to the party. (probably / be / won't)
- 13 It's difficult to contact Sue. She ..... at home when I  
phone her. (is / hardly ever)
- 14 We ..... in the same place. We haven't moved.  
(still / are / living)
- 15 If we hadn't taken the same train, we ..... each other.  
(never / met / would / have)
- 16 'Are you tired?' 'Yes, I ..... at this time of day.' (am / always)

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Compare what Paul said a few years ago with what he says now. Some things are the same as before and some things have changed.

Paul a few years ago



beard

I travel a lot.  
I work in a shop.  
I write poems.  
I want to be a teacher.  
I'm interested in politics.  
I'm single.  
I go fishing a lot.

Paul now



I travel a lot.  
I work in a hospital.  
I gave up writing poems.  
I want to be a teacher.  
I'm not interested in politics.  
I'm single.  
I haven't been fishing for years.

Write sentences about Paul using still and not...any more.

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| 1 (travel) ... <u>He still travels a lot.</u> .....       | 5 (politics) ..... |
| 2 (shop) <u>He doesn't work in a shop any more.</u> ..... | 6 (single) .....   |
| 3 (poems) He .....  | 7 (fishing) .....  |
| 4 (teacher) .....   | 8 (beard) .....    |

Now write three sentences about Paul using no longer.

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| 9 <u>He no longer works in a shop.</u> ..... | 11 ..... |
| 10 He .....                                  | 12 ..... |

2 For each sentence (with still) write a sentence with a similar meaning using not...yet + one of the following verbs:

decide find finish go ~~stop~~ take off wake up




- 1 It's still raining. It hasn't stopped raining yet. .....
- 2 George is still here. He .....
- 3 They're still having their dinner. They .....
- 4 The children are still asleep. ....
- 5 Ann is still looking for a job. ....
- 6 I'm still wondering what to do. ....
- 7 The plane is still waiting on the runway. ....

3 In this exercise you have to put in still, yet, already or not...any more in the underlined sentence (or part of a sentence). Study the examples carefully.

- 1 Jack lost his job a year ago and he is unemployed. ... he is still unemployed. .....
- 2 Do you want me to tell Liz the news or does she know? ... does she already know? .....
- 3 I'm hungry. Is dinner ready? ... is dinner ready yet? .....
- 4 I was hungry earlier but I'm not hungry. ... I'm not hungry any more. .....
- 5 Can we wait a few minutes? I don't want to go out. .....
- 6 Jill used to work at the airport but she doesn't work there. .....
- 7 I used to live in Amsterdam. I have a lot of friends there. .....
- 8 'Shall I introduce you to Jim?' 'There's no need. We've met.' .....
- 9 Do you live in the same house or have you moved? .....
- 10 Would you like to eat with us or have you eaten? .....
- 11 'Where's John?' 'He isn't here. He'll be here soon.' .....
- 12 Tim said he would be here at 8.30. It's 9 o'clock now and he isn't here. .....
- 13 Do you want to join the club or are you a member? .....
- 14 It happened a long time ago but I can remember it very clearly. .....
- 15 I've put on weight. These trousers don't fit me. .....
- 16 'Have you finished with the paper?' 'No, I'm reading it.' .....

**EXERCISES**

1.1 Sharon, Linda and Angela are three friends who went on holiday together. Use the information given about them to complete the sentences using **even** or **not even**.

<p><b>Sharon</b> is usually on time is usually happy likes getting up early is very interested in art</p>		<p><b>Linda</b> isn't very keen on art is usually miserable usually hates hotels hasn't got a camera</p>		<p><b>Angela</b> is almost always late is a keen photographer loves staying at hotels isn't very good at getting up</p>	
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- 1 They stayed at a hotel. Everybody liked it, ...**even Linda**...
- 2 They arranged to meet. They all arrived on time, .....
- 3 They went to an art gallery. Nobody enjoyed it, .....
- 4 Yesterday they had to get up early. They all managed to do this, .....
- 5 They were together yesterday. They were all in a good mood, .....
- 6 None of them took any photographs, .....

1.2 Make sentences with **even**. Use the words in brackets.

- 1 She has been all over the world. (the Antarctic) ...**She has even been to the Antarctic.**
- 2 She has to work every day. (on Sundays) .....
- 3 They painted the whole room. (the floor) They .....
- 4 You could hear the noise from a long way away. (from the next street)  
You .....
- 5 They have the windows open all the time. (when it's freezing)  
.....

In the following sentences you have to use **not...even**.

- 6 They didn't say anything to us. (hello) ...**They didn't even say hello.**
- 7 I can't remember anything about her. (her name) I .....
- 8 There isn't anything to do in this town. (a cinema) .....
- 9 He didn't tell anybody where he was going. (his wife) .....

1.3 Complete these sentences using **even** + a comparative.

- 1 It was very hot yesterday but today it's ...**even hotter**...
- 2 The church is 500 years old but the house next to it is .....
- 3 That's a very good idea but I've got an ..... **one**.
- 4 The first question was very difficult to answer. The second one was .....
- 5 I did very badly in the examination but most of my friends did .....
- 6 Neither of us was hungry. I ate very little and my friend ate .....

1.4 Put in **if**, **even**, **even if** or **even though**.

- 1 ...**Even though** she can't drive, she has bought a car.
- 2 The bus leaves in five minutes but we can still catch it ..... we run.
- 3 The bus leaves in two minutes. We won't catch it now ..... we run.
- 4 His Spanish isn't very good - ..... after three years in Spain.
- 5 His Spanish isn't very good ..... he's lived in Spain for three years.
- 6 ..... with the heating on, it was very cold in the house.
- 7 ..... I was very tired, I couldn't sleep.
- 8 I won't forgive them for what they said, ..... they apologise.
- 9 ..... I hadn't eaten anything for 24 hours, I wasn't hungry.