## In Other Words

- Jane is more beautiful than Mary.
  Mary isn't as beautiful as Jane (is).
  Mary is less beautiful than Jane.
- Can't you buy a cheaper coat than that?
  Is that the cheapest coat you can buy?
- Joe's got the same number of suits as Ted.
  Ted has got as many suits as Joe.
- He's the fastest driver of all.
  No one else drives as fast as he does.
  He's faster than any other driver.
  He is a faster driver than anyone else.
  He drives faster than anyone else.

- I've never seen such a tall man.
  He's the tallest man I've ever seen.
- He's a good tennis player.
  He plays tennis well.
- As he gets older, he becomes more sensible. The older he gets, the more sensible he becomes.
- That dress is similar to this one.
  That dress and this one are alike.
- Tom is very fatherly to his children.
  Tom behaves in a fatherly way to his children.

## Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words. 1 Unfortunately we couldn't find a better solution in the time available. Unfortunately it ... was the best solution... we could find in the time available. best 2 Spanish and Portuguese are said to be alike. Spanish is ...... Portuguese. similar 3 I've never eaten such a hot curry. She is extremely disrespectful to her colleagues. She behaves ...... to her colleagues. 5 Sheila is not as talented as her sister. Sheila is ...... her sister. less 6 She was the best prepared of all the candidates. She was ...... all the candidates. 7 As prices increase, the cost of living becomes higher. The ..... the cost of living becomes. 8 She writes very creatively. She ..... writer. 9 George made the same number of mistakes as Peter. George made ...... Peter. 10 It's more expensive to live in London than in Liverpool. It's ..... to live in Liverpool as in London. MacMahon is the most skilful player in the team. No one else in the team ...... MacMahon. 12 The seller wouldn't accept a lower offer. It was ...... the seller would accept. lowest 13 She's the most eccentric person I've ever met. I've ...... eccentric person. 14 As she gets richer, she becomes more extravagant. The ...... extravagant she becomes. the 15 We've never had such a heated argument before. It ...... we've ever had. most 16 The boss is very friendly to her staff. The boss behaves ..... to her staff. 17 She received the same number of gifts as her cousin on her birthday. She received ...... her cousin on her birthday. 18 He speaks German fluently, because he was born in Germany. He ....., because he was born in Germany.