

Comparatives

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

- 1 It's too noisy here. Can we go somewhere quieter ?
- 2 This coffee is very weak. I like it a bit
- 3 The hotel 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 My job is a bit boring sometimes. I'd like to do something
- 7 It's a pity you live so far away. I wish you lived
- 8 I was surprised how easy it was to use the computer. 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 I was surprised we got here so quickly. I expected the journey to take
- 12 You're talking very loudly. Can you speak a bit ?
- 13 You hardly ever phone me. Why don't you phone me ?
- 14 You're standing too near the camera. Can you move a bit away?
- 15 You were a bit depressed yesterday, but you look today.

105.2 Complete the sentences. Each time use the comparative form of one of the words in the box. Use than where necessary.

big	crowded	early	easily	high	important
interested	peaceful	reliable	serious	simple	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've got keeps breaking down.
- 3 Unfortunately her illness was we thought at first.
- 4 You look Have you lost weight?
- 5 I want a flat. We don't have enough space here.
- 6 He doesn't study very hard. He's in having a good time.
- 7 Health and happiness are money.
- 8 The instructions were very complicated. They could have been
- 9 There were a lot of people on the bus. It was usual.
- 10 I like living in the countryside. It's living in a town.
- 11 You'll find your way around the town if you have a good map.
- 12 In some parts of the country, prices are in others.

105.3 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 The journey takes four hours by car and five hours by train.
It takes
- 3 Dave and I went for a run. I ran ten kilometres. Dave stopped after eight kilometres.
I ran
- 4 Chris and Joe both did badly in the test. Chris got 30%, but Joe only got 25%.
Joe did
- 5 I expected my friends to arrive at about 4 o'clock. In fact they arrived at 2.30.
My friends
- 6 You can go by bus or by train. The buses run every 30 minutes. The trains run every hour.
The buses
- 7 We were very busy at work today. We're not usually as busy as that.
We

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- 2 stronger
- 3 smaller
- 4 more expensive
- 5 warmer/hotter
- 6 more interesting / more exciting
- 7 nearer
- 8 more difficult / more complicated
- 9 better
- 10 worse
- 11 longer
- 12 more quietly
- 13 more often
- 14 further/farther
- 15 happier / more cheerful

105.2

- 3 more serious than
- 4 thinner
- 5 bigger
- 6 more interested
- 7 more important than
- 8 simpler / more simple
- 9 more crowded than
- 10 more peaceful than
- 11 more easily
- 12 higher than

105.3

- 2 It takes longer by train than by car.
- 3 I ran further/farther than Dave.
- 4 Joe did worse than Chris (in the test).
- 5 My friends arrived earlier than I expected.
- 6 The buses run more often than the trains. *or* The buses run more frequently than ... *or* The buses are more frequent than ...