

## Chapter 15

### COMPARATIVE / SUPERLATIVE

All adjectives and adverbs have (a) a **neutral** form, (b) a **comparative** form, which is used when 2 things are being compared, and (c) the **superlative** form for comparing 3 or more subjects.

Note the following examples:

Going to work by bus is **cheaper** than by taxi.

**The cheapest** way to go anywhere is on foot.

Helen has two sisters. All three girls look like their mother and are all beautiful.

Helen, who is **the oldest**, is **the most beautiful**, while her **youngest** sister Mary is **more beautiful** than the middle sister Ann.

Neutral form <i>Adjective / Adverb</i>	Comparing 2 <i>-er Comparative</i>	Comparing 3 or more <i>-est Superlative</i>
1+2 syllables fat	fatter	the fattest
hard	harder	the hardest
fast	faster	the fastest
happy	happier	the happiest
3+more syllables beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
enjoyable	more enjoyable	the most enjoyable
quickly	more quickly	the most quickly
seriously	more seriously	the most seriously
<b>Note :</b> early	earlier	the earliest

1. There are some two syllable adjectives / adverbs which take more and the most - example more modern, more often, the most often - the most modern.

2. **More** and **the most** are used for adverbs ending in '-ly'.

Examples: more slowly, more quietly, more carelessly

**Generally Speaking we form the comparative of one and two syllable adjectives and adverbs by adding '-er' and the superlative by adding 'the -est'.**

**For 3 or more syllable adjectives and adverbs we add 'more' + adjective/adverb for the comparative and 'the most' for the superlative.**

#### Exceptions

<i>Adjective/Adverb</i>	<i>Comparative</i>	<i>Superlative</i>
bad	worse	the worst
badly	worse	the worst
far	farther/further	the farthest/ furthest
good	better	the best
well	better	the best
little (uncountable)	less	the least
much (uncountable)	more	the most
many (uncountable)	more	the most

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To show **degree** before the comparative of adjectives we use: a bit = a little  
a lot = much = far

### Examples:

1. Her house is **a bit** farther down the road.  
**a little**
2. My dog is **a lot** bigger **than** her French poodle.  
**much**  
**far**

The words **more** and **less** are called **comparative** words.

### Examples:

1. You talk **more** than I do.
2. The distance between our houses is **less** than I thought.

**We can use 2 comparatives together.**

### Examples:

1. It's getting **harder** and **harder** to get by on my salary.
2. He's getting **more** and **more** stubborn every day.
3. The children are growing **more** and **more** each day.

**There are 3 basic types of comparisons:**

<b>1.</b>	<b>as..... as - not as/so ..... as</b>
a.	He isn't <b>as</b> intelligent <b>as</b> his brother is.
b.	The question is <b>as</b> difficult <b>as</b> I expected it to be.
c.	The book is not <b>as</b> interesting <b>as</b> his first one.
<b>2.</b>	<b>comparative and comparative</b>
a.	It's getting <b>harder</b> and <b>harder</b> to get by on my salary.
b.	He looks <b>less</b> and <b>less</b> like his father as he gets older.
c.	The pollution is becoming <b>denser</b> and <b>denser</b> every day.
<b>3.</b>	<b>The + comparative ..... the + comparative</b>
a.	The <b>harder</b> you work, the <b>better</b> you will do.
b.	The <b>more</b> people that come to the party, the <b>more</b> fun we'll have.
c.	The <b>faster</b> you finish your homework, the <b>sooner</b> we can leave.

### Comparison is also shown by the words:

- (1) alike (used only after verbs)
- (2) like
- (3) the same
- (4) different ... from/than
- (5) equal, inferior, junior, senior, similar, prior and superior  
(all take **to** before the 2nd person/thing of the comparison)
- (6) prefer to.

## Practice Exercises

### 1. Use either the comparative or the superlative form of any adverb or adjective which best fits the blank. Various answers may be possible.

1. Students who travel prefer to stay in youth hostels because it's much \_\_\_\_\_ than staying in hotels.
2. I found the book \_\_\_\_\_ than I had expected.
3. You're always late. Why don't you come \_\_\_\_\_?
4. He's the \_\_\_\_\_ student in the class. He never does any of the assignments.
5. These shoes are too small. I need a \_\_\_\_\_ size.
6. I wish you lived \_\_\_\_\_ so we could see each other \_\_\_\_\_ often.
7. You're getting \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. You'd better go on a diet.
8. Travelling by plane is becoming \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ expensive every day due to competition.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ he talks, the \_\_\_\_\_ I disagree with what he is saying.
10. He really did badly on his test. It was the \_\_\_\_\_ he had ever done.
11. That restaurant is really cheap. It was the \_\_\_\_\_ expensive meal I have ever eaten.
12. His health isn't too bad. It could have been much \_\_\_\_\_ if you consider the life he leads.
13. Our water supply is getting \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
14. "Are you feeling \_\_\_\_\_?"  
"No I feel \_\_\_\_\_ worse. I shouldn't have slept so little."
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ we leave, the \_\_\_\_\_ we will get there.
16. He still eats a lot, but not as \_\_\_\_\_ as he used to.
17. The exam was very difficult. Bob didn't do very \_\_\_\_\_, and Susan did even \_\_\_\_\_.
18. That must be the \_\_\_\_\_ car I've ever seen. It's a Rolls Royce, isn't it?

### 2. Match column I with column II.

- | I                             | II                               |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. The more I sleep,          | a. the more comfortable it is.   |
| 2. The more one travels,      | b. the higher your bill will be. |
| 3. The bigger the car,        | c. the sooner we can leave.      |
| 4. The more water you use,    | d. the happier I am.             |
| 5. The earlier you finish,    | e. the more mature you become.   |
| 6. The more I work,           | f. the lazier I become.          |
| 7. The older you get,         | g. the more one learns.          |
| 8. The more you make,         | h. the more expensive it is.     |
| 9. The better the restaurant, | i. the more difficult it seems.  |
| 10. The more I look at it,    | j. the more you spend.           |

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### 3. Rewrite the sentences so they have the same meaning as the original.

1. I did much better on the test than John did.  
John \_\_\_\_\_
2. I was a little apprehensive, but usually I'm a lot more so.  
I wasn't \_\_\_\_\_
3. I've never stayed in such an uncomfortable hotel.  
This is \_\_\_\_\_
4. You'll never meet a nicer person than Sally.  
Sally \_\_\_\_\_
5. The Angel Falls in Venezuela are the highest waterfalls in the world.  
There \_\_\_\_\_
6. Bill Gates is the richest man in the world.  
No \_\_\_\_\_
7. This is the best meal I've ever had.  
I've \_\_\_\_\_
8. She is so understanding.  
No one \_\_\_\_\_
9. She couldn't have been sicker than she was.  
Her condition \_\_\_\_\_
10. I found him much more interesting than I had expected.  
He couldn't \_\_\_\_\_
11. We go to the theatre less than we used to.  
We don't \_\_\_\_\_
12. Bob isn't as selfish as his brother is.  
Bob's \_\_\_\_\_
13. History took longer to study than biology did.  
Biology \_\_\_\_\_
14. Taking the bus takes much longer than taking a taxi.  
A taxi \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Fill in the gaps with a derivative of the words given in bold.

1. He drives so \_\_\_\_\_ (**care**) that an accident was inevitable.
2. It rained so \_\_\_\_\_ (**heavy**) that the cellars were flooded.
3. They were studying \_\_\_\_\_ (**hard**) all night.
4. He spoke very \_\_\_\_\_ (**anger**) when the supervisor asked him why he was so \_\_\_\_\_. (**late**)
5. We had \_\_\_\_\_ (**hard**) come in the door when I heard the children arguing \_\_\_\_\_. (**loud**)
6. The smells coming from the kitchen were \_\_\_\_\_. (**delicious**)  
She cooks \_\_\_\_\_ (**good**) than anyone I know.
7. The little beggar looked at me so \_\_\_\_\_ (**sad**) that I \_\_\_\_\_ (**quick**) fumbled in my purse for money.
8. He must drive very \_\_\_\_\_ (**danger**) if she refuses to ride with him.
9. Olga plays the piano \_\_\_\_\_ (**beauty**) than anyone at the conservatory.

**5. Fill in the blanks with either the superlative or comparative form of a suitable adjective, or a comparative word, adverb or adjective. Multiple choices may be possible.**

1. We don't go to the movies very \_\_\_\_\_. I wish we went \_\_\_\_\_ more often than we do.
2. He is \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting speaker that not a single person left before his speech ended.
3. The book you recommended was \_\_\_\_\_ exciting. I read it from cover to cover in \_\_\_\_\_ than five hours.
4. I expected Mary to be different, but when it comes to keeping a secret, she's just \_\_\_\_\_ bad \_\_\_\_\_ everyone else is.
5. Mr. Evans is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ teachers we have, if not the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He works \_\_\_\_\_ than anyone else in the office.
7. Working mothers do not have \_\_\_\_\_ free time \_\_\_\_\_ stay at home mothers do.
8. Your hair isn't the \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ your father's.
9. Norway has cold winters. They are \_\_\_\_\_ than Greek winters.
10. The more I read of the distressing news in her email, \_\_\_\_\_ I felt.

**6. Make the new sentence as similar in meaning as possible to the original one.**

1. This is the best meal I've ever eaten.  
I've \_\_\_\_\_
2. Can you type well enough to do my essay?  
Is your \_\_\_\_\_
3. We've had more snow this year than ever before.  
Never \_\_\_\_\_
4. Those two books aren't at all alike.  
There is \_\_\_\_\_
5. The school team tried very hard to win the match, but without success.  
No matter \_\_\_\_\_
6. My mother is very similar to my grandmother.  
\_\_\_\_\_ alike.
7. Our cat likes nothing better than curling before an open fire.  
There is \_\_\_\_\_
8. The pollution has never been as bad as it is today.  
This is \_\_\_\_\_
9. The voters think he is the best choice for president.  
No one \_\_\_\_\_
10. As the hours passed, he grew more and more frightened.  
The longer he \_\_\_\_\_
11. I've never seen such an exquisite piece of art before.  
That's \_\_\_\_\_
12. Can't you drive any faster than that?  
Is \_\_\_\_\_

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### 7. Rewrite the sentences to have the same meaning as the original.

1. Beethoven composed some of the most beautiful piano pieces.  
No one \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ducks can swim better than swans can.  
Swans \_\_\_\_\_
3. Susan had never been happier than on the day she had her baby.  
The day \_\_\_\_\_
4. There were more children than adults at the first showing of the Christmas movie.  
There weren't \_\_\_\_\_
5. As he becomes older, the more miserly he becomes.  
The \_\_\_\_\_
6. Nothing depresses me more than dreary weather.  
Dreary \_\_\_\_\_
7. It would be better if you ate as little as possible before the blood test.  
The less \_\_\_\_\_
8. Bananas are not as nutritious as kiwi fruit is.  
Kiwi fruit is far \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you know enough French to go there as an exchange student?  
Is \_\_\_\_\_
10. Blue suits him more than any other color.  
No \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. Rewrite the sentences to have the same meaning as the original.

1. So ridiculous was the whole misunderstanding that I didn't even get angry at him.  
The whole \_\_\_\_\_
2. We have no better solution, but to trust him.  
There is \_\_\_\_\_
3. This is the craziest excuse he has ever given.  
Never \_\_\_\_\_
4. Hawaii is one of the most lavish vacation spots in the world.  
There are \_\_\_\_\_
5. I would sooner fly than go by train.  
I prefer \_\_\_\_\_
6. The judge should have sentenced him to 10 years for so serious an offence.  
Such a \_\_\_\_\_
7. She calls far too often for my liking.  
\_\_\_\_\_ frequently.
8. He is the best surgeon on the staff.  
No \_\_\_\_\_
9. He plays the guitar better than I do.  
I \_\_\_\_\_
10. It's warmer than it was.  
It's not \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Rewrite the sentences to have the same meaning as the original.**

1. On the day my brother passed his examinations, he was happier than he had ever been in his life.  
The day my brother passed his examinations was \_\_\_\_\_
2. He spoke so quietly that we could not hear what he said.  
His voice was too \_\_\_\_\_
3. He doesn't speak English as well as his sister.  
His sister \_\_\_\_\_
4. Denice likes ice-cream more than John does.  
John doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_
5. He was so cold that he kept his coat on.  
It wasn't \_\_\_\_\_
6. If we go camping, it will be cheaper than staying in a hotel.  
It would be more economical \_\_\_\_\_
7. I was so tired that I could do no more work.  
I was too \_\_\_\_\_
8. He's too immature to get married.  
He isn't \_\_\_\_\_
9. Can't you find a sharper knife?  
Is this \_\_\_\_\_
10. Wendy isn't tall enough to be a policewoman.  
Wendy is \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Rewrite the sentences to have the same meaning as the original.**

1. We didn't arrive in time to see her.  
We weren't early \_\_\_\_\_
2. Her clothes are smarter than mine.  
My clothes \_\_\_\_\_
3. The shelf was so high that my mother couldn't reach it.  
The shelf was too \_\_\_\_\_
4. The water was so cold that the children could not swim in it.  
The water wasn't \_\_\_\_\_
5. He prefers golf to tennis.  
He'd rather \_\_\_\_\_
6. Cotton is cheaper than silk.  
Silk isn't \_\_\_\_\_
7. She liked Paris very little, and Rome less.  
She thought Rome \_\_\_\_\_
8. The furniture was so expensive that I didn't buy it.  
The furniture was too \_\_\_\_\_

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### 11. Rewrite the sentences so they have the same meaning as the original.

1. Jane is the best tennis player in the club.  
No one \_\_\_\_\_
2. Henry can run much faster than his brother David.  
David \_\_\_\_\_
3. She liked Paris very little and Rome less.  
She thought Rome \_\_\_\_\_
4. Take this one; it's lighter than yours.  
Take this one; it's not \_\_\_\_\_
5. The suitcase was so heavy that she couldn't lift it.  
The suitcase was too \_\_\_\_\_
6. She knows a lot more about chemistry than I do.  
I don't know \_\_\_\_\_
7. The children couldn't go swimming because the sea was very rough.  
The sea was too \_\_\_\_\_
8. The suitcase was so heavy that she couldn't lift it.  
The suitcase was too \_\_\_\_\_
9. Craig is not nearly as energetic as he used to be.  
Craig used \_\_\_\_\_
10. Jane hadn't expected her interview would be so long.  
Jane's interview \_\_\_\_\_
11. Edward can swim faster than Martin.  
Martin can't \_\_\_\_\_
12. James is a better cook than Robert.  
Robert can't \_\_\_\_\_
13. Scott is too young to see the horror film.  
Scott is not \_\_\_\_\_
14. She likes water sports, but she prefers hiking.  
She doesn't \_\_\_\_\_
15. The fridge was so heavy that we couldn't move it.  
The fridge was too \_\_\_\_\_
16. My money lasted longer than Bernard's.  
Bernard's money didn't \_\_\_\_\_

## Exam Practice

### 1. Choose the one best answer to complete each sentence or dialogue.

1. "Who can carry this package for me?"  
"Ask Joe. He is \_\_\_\_\_ person around."
  - a. stronger
  - b. the stronger
  - c. the strongest
  - d. strongest
2. "When would you like to see Agnes?"  
"The \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. sooner better
  - b. soon the better
  - c. better sooner
  - d. sooner the better
3. Tom forgot to send his application.  
There's no one more forgetful \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. like him
  - b. as him
  - c. over him
  - d. than him
4. "Do you like that cake?"  
"Well, it has too much sugar in it, but \_\_\_\_\_ it's OK."
  - a. that other
  - b. none other than
  - c. other than that
  - d. another of that
5. "You seem bored."  
"I am. I've done \_\_\_\_\_ sit around the house all day."
  - a. none else but
  - b. nothing but
  - c. not else but
  - d. nothing than
6. "Is the coffee all right?"  
"It's not \_\_\_\_\_ hot enough."
  - a. fairly
  - b. quite
  - c. too
  - d. rather
7. Josephine is a lovely woman but her sister is \_\_\_\_\_ her.
  - a. nothing like
  - b. not as like
  - c. not alike
  - d. nothing such as
8. "This concert is really bad."  
"Yes, it's \_\_\_\_\_ worse than I expected it to be."
  - a. more
  - b. lot
  - c. much
  - d. little
9. "Is Professor Brinkley a good lecturer?"  
"Absolutely not! I've never been in more boring classes \_\_\_\_\_ his."
  - a. of
  - b. as
  - c. like
  - d. than
10. "Which boy do you think can lift more weight?"  
"I think John is \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. stronger than
  - b. the stronger
  - c. stronger more
  - d. more stronger
11. "Why is Albert the only person who got a promotion?"  
"Because he is \_\_\_\_\_ one in the office."
  - a. best
  - b. a best
  - c. the best
  - d. the best of
12. "Mr. Jones has been absent from work only 6 times this year."  
"Mr. Smith has been absent even \_\_\_\_\_ than that."
  - a. less
  - b. least
  - c. little
  - d. fewer
13. "Did John get the new job?"  
"Yes, and he \_\_\_\_\_ as can be."
  - a. is so happy
  - b. is very happy
  - c. too is happy
  - d. is as happy

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14. "Whom did they speak to?"  
"The older \_\_\_\_\_ the two children."  
a. as  
b. than  
c. of  
d. from
15. "Was the theatre crowded?"  
"Yes, there were a lot \_\_\_\_\_ people there than I expected."  
a. more  
b. more than  
c. of  
d. more of
16. "That is Bob's brother."  
"I thought so, he looks \_\_\_\_\_ Bob."  
a. alike  
b. just like  
c. the same like  
d. just alike
17. "Do you like sugar in your coffee?"  
"Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ better."  
a. more the  
b. the more  
c. the more the  
d. more
18. I like New York very much. There is not another city in the United States \_\_\_\_\_ New York.  
a. so as  
b. than  
c. like  
d. as
19. "Do you want me to repair your roof?"  
"Yes, please, \_\_\_\_\_."  
a. for sooner as better  
b. the soonest the best  
c. as soon as better  
d. the sooner the better
20. "What do you dislike about that store?"  
"Other \_\_\_\_\_ their high prices, nothing."  
a. from  
b. except  
c. than  
d. besides
21. "I thought you were buying the same kind of car."  
"No, my new car's \_\_\_\_\_ the old one."  
a. more different than  
b. different of  
c. more than different from  
d. different from
22. "Who is the better musician?"  
"Betty is the \_\_\_\_\_ one."  
a. more accomplished  
b. accomplisher  
c. more accomplish  
d. accomplished more
23. "How were her computer skills?"  
"They were \_\_\_\_\_ to hire her."  
a. good enough than me  
b. better enough for me  
c. good enough for me  
d. better enough than me
24. \_\_\_\_\_ had the van turned the corner than the wheel came off.  
a. Scarcely  
b. No longer  
c. Hardly  
d. No sooner
25. "I haven't visited my parents for a month."  
"I'm \_\_\_\_\_; I haven't visited them for three months."  
a. worse  
b. far worst  
c. badly  
d. worst
26. No sooner had he sat down to lunch \_\_\_\_\_ there was a knock at the door.  
a. when  
b. as  
c. than  
d. that
27. The new university entrance examinations are making \_\_\_\_\_ to go to university.  
a. it harder students  
b. it hard students  
c. harder for students  
d. it harder for students

28. "What do you dislike about that store?"  
"Other \_\_\_\_\_ their high prices, nothing."  
a. from  
b. except  
c. than  
d. besides
29. "Why won't you let Johnny and Billy go to the movies?"  
"Because they are \_\_\_\_\_ naughty boys."  
a. such  
b. enough  
c. much  
d. so
30. The Company's profits last years were \_\_\_\_\_ than expected, so they are going to lay off more workers.  
a. much worse  
b. more worse  
c. worsen  
d. worst
31. "The doctor should be coming out of the operation room."  
"Yes, it shouldn't be \_\_\_\_\_ now."  
a. so soon until  
b. too long time until  
c. much longer  
d. too longer
32. Things happen \_\_\_\_\_ you expect them to.  
a. more differently than  
b. differently than  
c. different than  
d. different from what
33. It's a fact that there are more poor countries \_\_\_\_\_ rich ones.  
a. than they are  
b. than there are  
c. than are  
d. which there are
34. "Why don't you go to Dr. Bell's class?"  
"Because he is \_\_\_\_\_ bore."  
a. so  
b. so a  
c. such a  
d. such as
35. Paul didn't make the football team though he did \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. his best he could  
b. what it was best  
c. at his best  
d. the best he could
36. Many studies have shown that women have a longer life span \_\_\_\_\_ men.  
a. in comparison  
b. as comparing to  
c. when comparing  
d. as compared to
37. It's been a long week and I'm really tired, which makes it \_\_\_\_\_ to concentrate.  
a. all the more difficult  
b. so much so difficult  
c. some more difficult  
d. difficult the more
38. The ancient ruins in this country are \_\_\_\_\_ those in neighboring countries.  
a. more impressive comparing  
b. more impressive compared to  
c. impressively more than  
d. more impressive rather
39. Kansas has \_\_\_\_\_ the American Bread Basket.  
a. long been known as  
b. as it has long been known  
c. been knowing long as  
d. as long been known
40. "She likes to spend money."  
"Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ she makes, the more she spends."  
a. more money  
b. the most money  
c. some more money  
d. the more money
41. "Have you decided whether you want a house or an apartment?"  
"After a careful comparison \_\_\_\_\_, we decided on a house."  
a. from one another  
b. among them  
c. among each other  
d. between them

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42. "How did you do on the exam?"  
"There was \_\_\_\_\_ little time that I couldn't finish."  
a. too  
b. such a  
c. very  
d. so
43. He's the laziest person I know. He just lies on the couch \_\_\_\_\_, watching TV or playing computer games.  
a. most of the day  
b. whole of the day  
c. all the day  
d. most day
44. "Judy isn't the oldest child in the family."  
"No. She has two older siblings who are \_\_\_\_\_ than she is."  
a. much older  
b. enough older  
c. so older  
d. more old
45. "Why are Mr. and Ms. Jones unhappy?"  
"Their children have not visited them for \_\_\_\_\_ long time."  
a. too  
b. very  
c. so  
d. such a
46. "Why did you put Jeff down like that?"  
"\_\_\_\_\_ Jeff, he has a way of getting on my nerves."  
a. I like so much  
b. As much as I like  
c. So much as I like  
d. Very much that I like
47. "Ms. Wilkins has helped me understand physics!"  
"Yes. Never before have we had \_\_\_\_\_ than this year."  
a. the best physics teacher  
b. a physics teacher best  
c. a more physics teacher better  
d. a better physics teacher
48. "Isn't little Millicent charming?"  
"Yes, I have never seen \_\_\_\_\_ child."  
a. so lovely a  
b. such lovely  
c. a such lovely  
d. a so lovely
49. The company is having \_\_\_\_\_ because it is facing bankruptcy.  
a. such serious problems  
b. seriously problems  
c. too serious problems  
d. problems so serious
50. Don't get upset with yourself. \_\_\_\_\_ you practice, the better you'll get at it.  
a. So much more  
b. The more  
c. Much more  
d. The most
51. He has \_\_\_\_\_ supporters who don't seem to realize what a corrupt man he is.  
a. such many  
b. a great amount of  
c. enough of  
d. a great many
52. As bizarre \_\_\_\_\_, many violent attacks are based on Hollywood scenarios."  
a. as may seem  
b. it may seem  
c. as it may seem  
d. it seems
53. "Do you want to go home now?"  
"Yes, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ I could fall asleep here."  
a. so tired  
b. very tired  
c. too much tired  
d. tired such
54. The older the vehicle, \_\_\_\_\_ worth.  
a. the less it is  
b. least its  
c. lesser it is  
d. the lesser

**2. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the words given.**

- I've never tasted such delicious cheese before.  
This cheese \_\_\_\_\_
- It'll be better if we waste as little as possible.  
The less \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you know enough Spanish to watch the movie without subtitles?  
Is your Spanish \_\_\_\_\_
- This is the best solution under the circumstances.  
There is \_\_\_\_\_
- As time passed, he became more and more nervous.  
The longer \_\_\_\_\_
- The car was so rusty that it couldn't be repaired.  
The car was too \_\_\_\_\_
- My father speaks very little English.  
My father hardly \_\_\_\_\_
- It was more of an argument than a discussion.  
It was not so \_\_\_\_\_
- He speaks more persuasively than his brother.  
He is a \_\_\_\_\_
- You will never meet anyone more generous than Ms. Jones.  
Ms. Jones is \_\_\_\_\_
- For a teacher of her experience, discipline was not a problem.  
For such \_\_\_\_\_
- As I get older, I want to travel less.  
The older \_\_\_\_\_
- Even if you have plenty of work experience, a degree is essential for this job.  
No matter \_\_\_\_\_
- His only ambition is to become a millionaire.  
There is nothing \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Use the word in bold to produce sentences similar in meaning to the original ones.**

- Potatoes are nothing like as fattening as bread.  
**FAR:** \_\_\_\_\_
- The weather was so mild that we didn't need to wear coats.  
**SUCH:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Mary is very similar to her sister.  
**ALIKE:** \_\_\_\_\_
- They aren't at all alike.  
**COMPARISON:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Fred tried hard to start the car but without success.  
**MATTER:** \_\_\_\_\_