

old/nice/interesting etc. (adjectives)

A adjective + noun (nice day / blue eyes etc.)

adjective + noun

It's a **nice** day today.
 Laura has got **brown** eyes.
 There's a very **old** bridge in this village.
 Do you like **Italian** food?
 I don't speak any **foreign** languages.
 There are some **beautiful yellow** flowers in the garden.

The adjective is *before* the noun:

- They live in a **modern house**. (*not* a house modern)
- Have you met any **famous people**? (*not* people famous)

The ending of an adjective is always the same:

a **different place** **different** places (*not* differents)

B be (am/is/was etc.) + adjective

- The weather **is nice** today.
- These flowers **are** very **beautiful**.
- Are you cold**? Shall I close the window?
- I'm **hungry**. Can I have something to eat?
- The film **wasn't** very **good**. It **was boring**.
- Please **be quiet**. I'm reading.



C look/feel/smell/taste/sound + adjective



- 'You **look** tired.' 'Yes, I **feel** tired.'
- Gary told me about his new job. It **sounds** very **interesting**.
- I'm not going to eat this fish. It doesn't **smell** good.

Compare:

He	is	feels	tired.
	looks		

They	are	look	happy.
	sound		

It	is	smells	good.
	tastes		

85.1 Put the words in the right order.

- 1 (new / live in / house / they / a) They live in a new house.
- 2 (like / jacket / I / that / green) I
- 3 (music / like / do / classical / you?) Do
- 4 (had / wonderful / a / I / holiday)
- 5 (went to / restaurant / a / Japanese / we)







85.2 The words in the box are adjectives (black/foreign etc.) or nouns (air/job etc.). Use an adjective and a noun to complete each sentence.

air	clouds	foreign	holiday	job	languages	sharp
black	dangerous	fresh	hot	knife	long	water

- 1 Do you speak any foreign languages ?
- 2 Look at those It's going to rain.
- 3 Sue works very hard, and she's very tired. She needs a
- 4 I would like to have a shower, but there's no
- 5 Can you open the window? We need some
- 6 I need a to cut these onions.
- 7 Fire-fighting is a

85.3 Write sentences for the pictures. Choose from the boxes.

feel(s)	look(s)	sound(s)	+	happy	ill	nice
look(s)	smell(s)	taste(s)		horrible	new	surprised

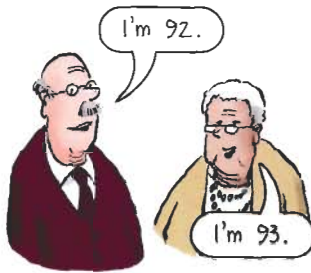
<p>1 You <u>sound happy</u></p> 	<p>2 It</p> 	<p>3 I</p> 
<p>4 You</p> 	<p>5 They</p> 	<p>6 It</p> 

85.4 A and B don't agree. Complete B's sentences. Use feel/look etc.

<p>A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 You look tired. 2 This is a new coat. 3 I'm American. 4 You look cold. 5 These bags are heavy. 6 That soup looks good. 	<p>B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Do I? I <u>don't feel tired</u> (feel) 2 Is it? It doesn't (look) 3 Are you? You (sound) 4 Do I? I (feel) 5 Are they? They (look) 6 Maybe, but it (taste)
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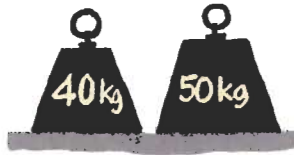
old/older expensive / more expensive

A



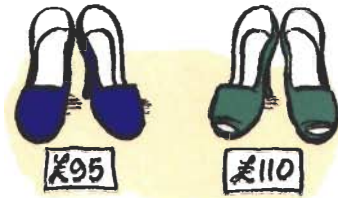
old

older



heavy

heavier



expensive

more expensive

Older / heavier / more expensive are *comparative* forms.
The comparative is **-er (older)** or **more ... (more expensive)**.

B

older/heavier etc.

Short words (1 syllable) → **-er**:

old → **older**

slow → **slower**

cheap → **cheaper**

nice → **nicer**

late → **later**

big → **bigger**

Spelling (→ Appendix 5): big → **bigger** hot → **hotter** thin → **thinner**

Words ending in **-y** → **-ier**:

easy → **easier**

heavy → **heavier**

early → **earlier**

- Rome is **old**, but Athens is **older**. (*not* more old)
- Is it **cheaper** to go by car or by train? (*not* more cheap)
- Helen wants a **bigger** car.
- This coat is OK, but I think the other one is **nicer**.
- Don't take the bus. It's **easier** to take a taxi. (*not* more easy)

far → **further**:

- 'How far is it to the station? A mile?' 'No, it's **further**. About two miles.'

C

more ...

Long words (2/3/4 syllables) → **more ...** :

careful → **more careful**

polite → **more polite**

expensive → **more expensive**

interesting → **more interesting**

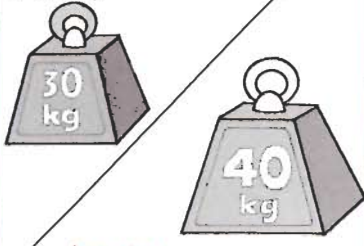

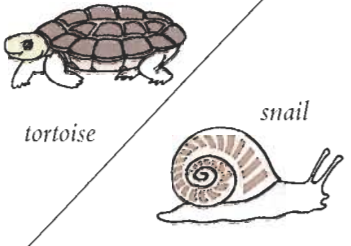
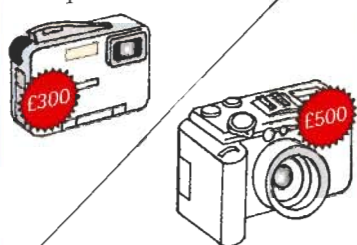
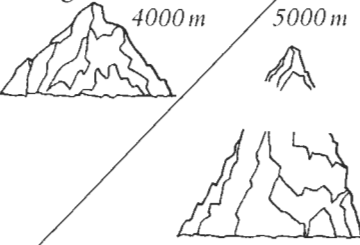
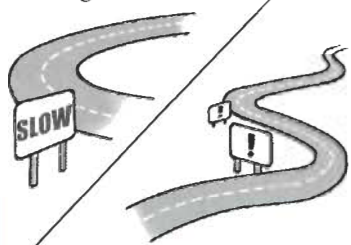
- You must be **more careful**.
- I don't like my job. I want to do something **more interesting**.
- Is it **more expensive** to go by car or by train?

D

good/well → **better** **bad** → **worse**

- The weather wasn't very **good** yesterday, but it's **better** today.
- 'Do you feel **better** today?' 'No, I feel **worse**.'
- Which is **worse** – a headache or a toothache?

87.1 Look at the pictures and write the comparative (older / more interesting etc.).

<p>1 heavy</p>  <p><i>heavier</i></p>	<p>2 big</p> 	<p>3 slow</p>  <p>tortoise snail</p>
<p>4 expensive</p> 	<p>5 high</p> 	<p>6 dangerous</p> 

87.2 Write the comparative.

- | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 1 old | <i>older</i> | 6 good | ..... |
| 2 strong | ..... | 7 large | ..... |
| 3 happy | ..... | 8 serious | ..... |
| 4 modern | ..... | 9 pretty | ..... |
| 5 important | ..... | 10 crowded | ..... |

87.3 Write the opposite.

- | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1 younger | <i>older</i> | 4 better | ..... |
| 2 colder | ..... | 5 nearer | ..... |
| 3 cheaper | ..... | 6 easier | ..... |

87.4 Complete the sentences. Use a comparative.

- Helen's car isn't very big. She wants a *bigger* one.
- My job isn't very interesting. I want to do something *more interesting*.
- You're not very tall. Your brother is
- David doesn't work very hard. I work
- My chair isn't very comfortable. Yours is
- Your idea isn't very good. My idea is
- These flowers aren't very nice. The blue ones are
- My bag isn't very heavy. Your bag is
- I'm not very interested in art. I'm in history.
- It isn't very warm today. It was yesterday.
- These tomatoes don't taste very good. The other ones tasted
- Britain isn't very big. France is
- London isn't very beautiful. Paris is
- This knife isn't very sharp. Have you got a one?
- People today aren't very polite. In the past they were
- The weather isn't too bad today. Often it is much

older than ... more expensive than ...

A



Hotel Prices (per room per night)	
Europa Hotel	£140
Grand Hotel	£130
Royal Hotel	£125
tel	£110

She's **taller than** him.

The Europa Hotel is **more expensive than** the Grand.

We use **than** after comparatives (**older than ... / more expensive than ...** etc.):

- Athens is **older than** Rome.
- Are oranges **more expensive than** bananas?
- It's **easier** to take a taxi **than** to take the bus.
- 'How are you today?' 'Not bad. **Better than** yesterday.'
- The restaurant is **more crowded than** usual.

B

We usually say: than **me** / than **him** / than **her** / than **us** / than **them**.

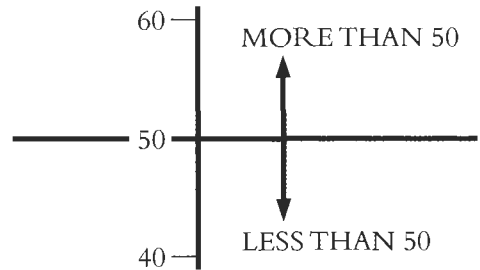
You can say:

- I can run faster **than him**. or I can run faster **than he can**.
- You are a better singer **than me**. or You are a better singer **than I am**.
- I got up earlier **than her**. or I got up earlier **than she did**.

C

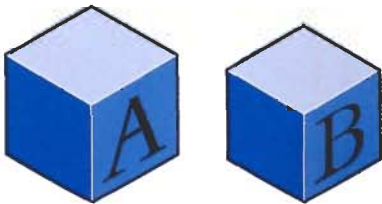
more/less than ...

- A: How much did your shoes cost? £50?
- B: No, **more than** that. (= **more than** £50)
- The film was very short – **less than** an hour.
- They've got **more money than** they need.
- You go out **more than** me.

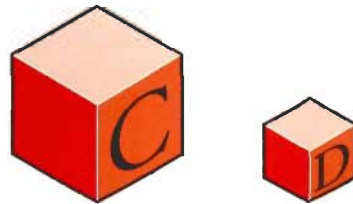


D

a bit older / much older etc.



Box A is **a bit bigger** than Box B.



Box C is **much bigger** than Box D.

a bit much	bigger	than ...
	older	
	better	
	more difficult	
	more expensive	

- Canada is **much bigger** than France.
- Sue is **a bit older** than Gary – she's 25 and he's 24.
- The hotel was **much more expensive** than I expected.
- You go out **much more** than me.

88.1 Write sentences about Liz and Ben. Use than.



Liz

- 1 I'm 26.
- 2 I'm not a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 1 metre 68 tall.
- 4 I start work at 8 o'clock.
- 5 I don't work very hard.
- 6 I haven't got much money.
- 7 I'm a very good driver.
- 8 I'm not very patient.
- 9 I'm not a very good dancer.
- 10 I'm very intelligent.
- 11 I speak French very well.
- 12 I don't go to the cinema very much.

Ben



- 1 I'm 24.
- 2 I'm a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 1 metre 63 tall.
- 4 I start work at 8.30.
- 5 I work very hard.
- 6 I've got a lot of money.
- 7 I'm not a very good driver.
- 8 I'm very patient.
- 9 I'm a good dancer.
- 10 I'm not very intelligent.
- 11 I don't speak French very well.
- 12 I go to the cinema a lot.

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1 Liz <i>is older than Ben</i> | 7 Liz is a |
| 2 Ben <i>is a better swimmer than Liz</i> | 8 Ben |
| 3 Liz is | 9 Ben |
| 4 Liz starts Ben. | 10 Liz |
| 5 Ben | 11 Liz |
| 6 Ben has got | 12 Ben |

88.2 Complete the sentences. Use than.

- 1 He isn't very tall. You're *taller than him* (OR *taller than he is*)
- 2 She isn't very old. You're
- 3 I don't work very hard. You work
- 4 He doesn't watch TV very much. You
- 5 I'm not a very good cook. You
- 6 We don't know many people. You
- 7 They haven't got much money. You
- 8 I can't run very fast. You can
- 9 She hasn't been here very long. You
- 10 They didn't get up very early. You
- 11 He wasn't very surprised. You

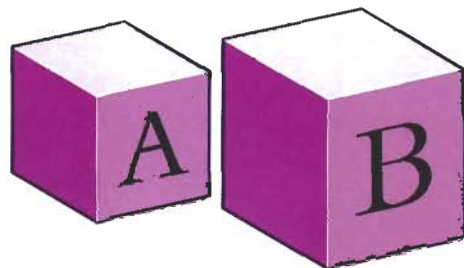
88.3 Complete the sentences with a bit or much + comparative (older/better etc.).

- 1 Emma is 25. Gary is 24½.
Emma *is a bit older than Gary*
- 2 Jack's mother is 52. His father is 69.
Jack's mother
- 3 My camera cost £100. Yours cost £96.
My camera
- 4 Yesterday I felt terrible. Today I feel OK.
I feel
- 5 Today the temperature is 12 degrees. Yesterday it was 10 degrees.
It's
- 6 Sarah is an excellent tennis player. I'm not very good.
Sarah

not as ... as

A

not as ... as



She's old, but she's **not as old as** he is.

Box A isn't **as big as** Box B.

- Rome is **not as old as** Athens. (= Athens is **older**)
- The Grand Hotel **isn't as expensive as** the Europa. (= the Europa is **more expensive**)
- I **don't** play tennis **as often as** you. (= you play **more often**)
- The weather is better than it was yesterday. It **isn't as cold**. (= as cold as it was **yesterday**)

B

not as much as ... / not as many as ...

- I haven't got **as much money as** you. (= you've got **more money**)
- I don't know **as many people as** you. (= you know **more people**)
- I don't go out **as much as** you. (= you go out **more**)

C

Compare **not as ... as** and **than**:

- Rome is **not as old as** Athens.
Athens is **older than** Rome. (*not older as* Rome)
- Tennis **isn't as popular as** football.
Football is **more popular than** tennis.
- I **don't** go out **as much as** you.
You go out **more than** me.

D

We usually say: as **me** / as **him** / as **her** etc.

You can say:

- She's not as old **as him**. *or* She's not as old **as he is**.
- You don't work as hard **as me**. *or* You don't work as hard **as I do**.

E

We say **the same as ...** :

- The weather today is **the same as** yesterday.
- My hair is **the same colour as** yours.
- I arrived at **the same time as** Tim.

89.1 Look at the pictures and write sentences about A, B and C.

<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>A A</p> <p>B B</p> <p>C C</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

- A is bigger than C, but not as big as B.
- A is B, but not C.
- C is A, but
- A is, but
- B has got
- C works

89.2 Write sentences with as ... as ...

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Athens is older than Rome. | Rome <u>isn't as old as Athens</u> . |
| 2 My room is bigger than yours. | Your room isn't |
| 3 You got up earlier than me. | I didn't |
| 4 We played better than them. | They |
| 5 I've been here longer than you. | You |
| 6 She's more nervous than him. | He |

89.3 Write as or than.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Athens is older <u>than</u> Rome. | 5 Joe isn't as intelligent he thinks. |
| 2 I don't watch TV as much you. | 6 Belgium is smaller Switzerland. |
| 3 You eat more me. | 7 Brazil isn't as big Canada. |
| 4 I'm more tired today I was yesterday. | 8 I can't wait longer an hour. |

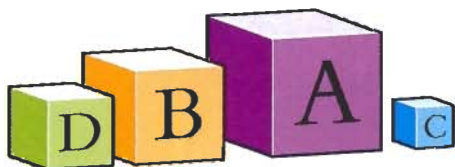
89.4 Complete the sentences about Julia, Andy and Laura. Use the same age / the same street etc.

<p>I'm 22. I live in Hill Street. I got up at 7.15. I haven't got a car.</p>	<p>I'm 24. I live in Baker Street. I got up at 7.15. My car is dark blue.</p>	<p>I'm 24. I live in Hill Street. I got up at 7.45. I've got a car. It's dark blue.</p>
Julia	Andy	Laura

- (age) Andy is the same age as Laura.
- (street) Julia lives
- (time) Julia got up
- (colour) Andy's

the oldest the most expensive

A



Box A is **bigger than** Box B.

Box A is **bigger than** all the other boxes.

Box A is **the biggest** box.

HOTEL PRICES IN KINTON

(Per room per night)

Europa Hotel	£140	Grosvenor	£100
Grand Hotel	£125	Bennets	£90
Royal	£120	Carlton	£85
Astoria	£115	Star	£75
Palace	£110	Station	£75

The Europa Hotel is **more expensive than** the Grand.

The Europa Hotel is **more expensive than** all the other hotels in the city.

The Europa Hotel is **the most expensive** hotel in the city.

Bigger / older / more expensive etc. are *comparative* forms (→ Unit 87).

Biggest / oldest / most expensive etc. are *superlative* forms.

B

The superlative form is **-est (oldest)** or **most ... (most expensive)**.

Short words (**old/cheap/nice** etc.) → **the -est**:

old → **the oldest** cheap → **the cheapest** nice → **the nicest**
but good → **the best** bad → **the worst**

Spelling (→ Appendix 5): big → **the biggest** hot → **the hottest**

Words ending in **-y (easy/heavy** etc.) → **the -iest**:

easy → **the easiest** heavy → **the heaviest** pretty → **the prettiest**

Long words (**careful/expensive/interesting** etc.) → **the most ...** :

careful → **the most careful** interesting → **the most interesting**

C

We say **the oldest ... / the most expensive ...** etc. (with **the**):

- The church is very old. It's **the oldest** building in the town.
(= it is **older than** all the other buildings)
- What is **the longest** river in the world?
- Money is important, but it isn't **the most important** thing in life.
- Excuse me, where is **the nearest** bank?

D

You can use **the oldest / the best / the most expensive** etc. without a noun:

- Ken is a good player, but he isn't **the best** in the team.
(**the best** = the best player)

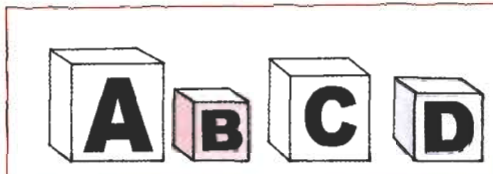
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You can use *superlative* + **I've ever ... / you've ever ...** etc. :

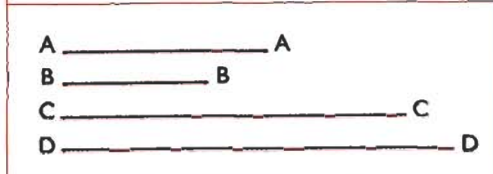
- The film was very bad. I think it's **the worst** film **I've ever seen**.
- What is **the most unusual** thing **you've ever done**?

90.1 Write sentences with comparatives (older etc.) and superlatives (the oldest etc.).

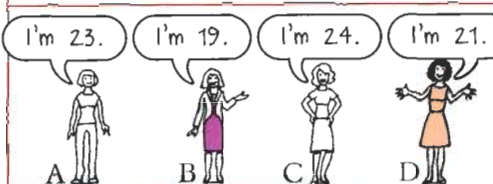
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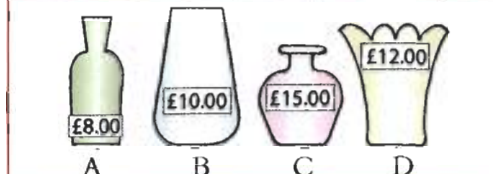
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RESTAURANT A	excellent
RESTAURANT B	not bad
RESTAURANT C	good but not wonderful
RESTAURANT D	awful

big/small

(A/D) *A is bigger than D.*

(A) *A is the biggest.*

(B) *B is the smallest.*

long/short

(C/A) C is A.

(D) D is

(B) B

young/old

(D/C) D

(B)

(C)

expensive/cheap

(D/A)

(C)

(A)

good/bad

(A/C)

(A)

(D)

90.2 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (the oldest etc.).

- This building is very old. It's *the oldest building* in the town.
- It was a very happy day. It was of my life.
- It's a very good film. It's I've ever seen.
- She's a very popular singer. She's in the country.
- It was a very bad mistake. It was I've ever made.
- It's a very pretty village. It's I've ever seen.
- It was a very cold day. It was of the year.
- He's a very boring person. He's I've ever met.

90.3 Write sentences with a superlative (the longest etc.). Choose from the boxes.

Sydney	Alaska
Everest	the Nile
Brazil	Jupiter

high
large
long

country	river
city	state
mountain	planet

Africa	South America
Australia	the world
the USA	the solar system

- Sydney is the largest city in Australia.*
- Everest
-
-
-
-

UNIT 85

85.1

- 2 I like that green jacket.
- 3 Do you like classical music?
- 4 I had a wonderful holiday.
- 5 We went to a Japanese restaurant.

85.2

- 2 black clouds
- 3 long holiday
- 4 hot water
- 5 fresh air
- 6 sharp knife
- 7 dangerous job

85.3

- 2 It looks new.
- 3 I feel ill.
- 4 You look surprised.
- 5 They smell nice.
- 6 It tastes horrible.

85.4

- 2 It doesn't look new.
- 3 You don't sound American.
- 4 I don't feel cold.
- 5 They don't look heavy.
- 6 Maybe, but it doesn't taste good.

UNIT 87**87.1**

- 2 bigger
- 3 slower
- 4 more expensive
- 5 higher
- 6 more dangerous

87.2

- 2 stronger
- 3 happier
- 4 more modern
- 5 more important
- 6 better
- 7 larger
- 8 more serious
- 9 prettier
- 10 more crowded

87.3

- 2 hotter/warmer
- 3 more expensive
- 4 worse
- 5 further
- 6 more difficult *or* harder

87.4

- 3 taller
- 4 harder
- 5 more comfortable
- 6 better
- 7 nicer
- 8 heavier
- 9 more interested
- 10 warmer
- 11 better
- 12 bigger
- 13 more beautiful
- 14 sharper
- 15 more polite
- 16 worse

UNIT 88**88.1**

- 3 Liz is taller than Ben.
- 4 Liz starts work earlier than Ben.
- 5 Ben works harder than Liz.
- 6 Ben has got more money than Liz.
- 7 Liz is a better driver than Ben.
- 8 Ben is more patient than Liz.
- 9 Ben is a better dancer than Liz. / Ben dances better than Liz.
- 10 Liz is more intelligent than Ben.

- 11 Liz speaks French better than Ben. / Liz speaks better French than Ben. / Liz's French is better than Ben's.
- 12 Ben goes to the cinema more than Liz. / ... more often than Liz.

88.2

- 2 You're older than her. / ... than she is.
- 3 You work harder than me. / ... than I do.
- 4 You watch TV more than him. / ... than he does.
- 5 You're a better cook than me. / ... than I am. *or* You cook better than me. / ... than I do.
- 6 You know more people than us. / ... than we do.
- 7 You've got more money than them. / ... than they have.
- 8 You can run faster than me. / ... than I can.
- 9 You've been here longer than her. / ... than she has.
- 10 You got up earlier than them. / ... than they did.
- 11 You were more surprised than him. / ... than he was.

88.3

- 2 Jack's mother is much younger than his father.
- 3 My camera cost a bit more than yours. / ... than your camera. *or* My camera was a bit more expensive than ...
- 4 I feel much better today than yesterday. / ... than I did yesterday. / ... than I felt yesterday.
- 5 It's a bit warmer today than yesterday. / ... than it was yesterday.
- 6 Sarah is a much better tennis player than me / ... than I am. *or* Sarah is much better at tennis than me / ... than I am. *or* Sarah plays tennis much better than me / ... than I do.

UNIT 89**89.1**

- 2 A is longer than B, but not as long as C.
- 3 C is heavier than A, but not as heavy as B.
- 4 A is older than C, but not as old as B.
- 5 B has got more money than C, but not as much as A. *or* ... but less (money) than A.
- 6 C works harder than A, but not as hard as B.

89.2

- 2 Your room isn't as big as mine. / ... as my room.
- 3 I didn't get up as early as you. / ... as you did.
- 4 They didn't play as well as us. / ... as we did.
- 5 You haven't been here as long as me. / ... as I have.
- 6 He isn't as nervous as her. / ... as she is.

89.3

- | | | | |
|---|------|---|------|
| 2 | as | 6 | than |
| 3 | than | 7 | as |
| 4 | than | 8 | than |
| 5 | as | | |

89.4

- 2 Julia lives in the same street as Laura.
- 3 Julia got up at the same time as Andy.
- 4 Andy's car is the same colour as Laura's.

UNIT 90**90.1**

- 2 C is longer than A. D is the longest. B is the shortest.
- 3 D is younger than C. B is the youngest. C is the oldest.
- 4 D is more expensive than A. C is the most expensive. A is the cheapest.
- 5 A is better than C. A is the best. D is the worst.

Key to Exercises

90.2

- 2 the happiest day
- 3 the best film
- 4 the most popular singer
- 5 the worst mistake
- 6 the prettiest village
- 7 the coldest day
- 8 the most boring person

90.3

2 Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

3-6

Brazil is the largest country in South America.

Alaska is the largest state in the USA.

The Nile is the longest river in Africa. / ... in the world.

Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.