

## UNIT 3

# Adjectives - Adverbs - Comparisons

### IN OTHER WORDS

Study these examples. The second sentence has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- Beth is more intelligent than Kate.  
**as** Kate **isn't as/so intelligent as** Beth.  
**less** Kate **is less intelligent than** Beth.
- Can't you drive any faster than that?  
**fastest** Is that **the fastest you can** drive?
- Fiona has received the same number of letters as me.  
**many** Fiona has received **as many letters as** me.
- I've never read such an interesting book.  
**the** It's **the most interesting book** I've ever read.
- Nora is the most careful driver of all.  
**as** No one else **drives as carefully as** Nora does.  
**than** Nora is **more careful than any** other driver.  
Nora is a **more careful driver than** anyone else.  
Nora **drives more carefully than** anyone else.
- As she gets older, she becomes more sophisticated.  
**the** The older she gets, **the more sophisticated** she becomes.

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Complete the sentences with two to five words, including the word in bold.

- I've never heard such a silly excuse.  
**the** It's **...the silliest excuse...** I've ever heard.
- Jane's car was cheaper than Adam's.  
**less** Jane's car..... Adam's.
- As we got closer, I became more nervous.  
**the** The closer we got, ..... I became.
- Tom has bought the same number of sweets as Lucy.  
**many** Tom has bought ..... Lucy.
- Ben is smarter than Steve.  
**as** Steve ..... Ben.
- Can't you eat any more than that?  
**most** Is that ..... you can eat?
- As I study more, I get better grades.  
**the** The more I study, ..... I get.
- I've never known such an independent young woman.  
**the** She's ..... I've ever known.
- Josie has the same number of CDs as David.  
**many** Josie has ..... David.
- Keith is the best tennis player of all.  
**than** Keith ..... anyone else.

## Revision Box

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Choose the correct answer.

- 'You ...**B**... a mess.'  
'Sorry. I'll tidy up.'  
A always make B are always making  
C will always make
- 'You had better ..... that letter today.'  
'OK. I'll do it.'  
A posting B to post C post
- 'It's not worth ..... the house now. It's winter.'  
'I agree. Let's wait till spring comes.'  
A painting B to paint C paint
- 'You look happy.'  
'I am. I ..... my holiday.'  
A think about B am thinking about  
C thought about
- 'Jenny has been writing letters all morning.'  
'Yes. She ..... six letters so far.'  
A wrote B has been writing C has written
- 'Bill looks very tired.'  
'Yes. He ..... the house all afternoon.'  
A has been cleaning B has cleaned  
C had been cleaning
- 'Have you seen Jackie recently?'  
'No. I haven't seen her ..... May.'  
A since B for C before
- 'Pauline always sits by herself.'  
'Yes, she is too shy ..... to anyone.'  
A to talk B talking C talk
- 'Peter has been spending a lot of money lately.'  
'I know. He ..... a new computer yesterday.'  
A has bought B bought C had bought
- 'Did John visit you last night?'  
'Yes. I ..... on the phone when he arrived.'  
A talked B am talking C was talking
- 'Joanne is a secretary, isn't she?'  
'Yes. She ..... as a secretary for seven years.'  
A has been working B is working C works
- 'Is Katie enjoying her university course?'  
'Yes. She ..... the lectures very interesting.'  
A found B had found C finds
- 'Why are you all so excited?'  
'Dad suggested ..... the weekend in the mountains.'  
A spend B to spend C spending