

Consolidation

- Complete the second sentence using the word in **bold**.
- I used to be much stronger than I am now.
HALF I'm not *half as strong as* I used to be.
 - When people have money, they spend a lot of time worrying about it.
MORE The _____ they spend worrying about it.
 - Only one girl in the class is taller than her.
NEARLY She's _____ in the class.
 - As we approached the house, the noise became increasingly loud.
AND The noise became _____ as we approached the house.
 - This year we had slightly less snow than last year.
LITTLE Last year we had _____ snow than this year.
 - Our holiday was cheaper than we had expected.
AS Our holiday was not _____ we had expected.
 - Taking regular exercise is by far the best way to lose weight.
MUCH Taking regular exercise _____ way to lose weight.
 - Far fewer students failed the exam than had been expected.
PASSED _____ the exam than had been expected.
 - If you have a big car you have to pay higher road tax.
BIGGER The _____ you have to pay.
 - It's getting harder and harder to find job security nowadays.
DIFFICULT It's getting _____ to find job security nowadays.
 - The average house in this area is worth more than mine.
MUCH My house isn't worth _____ the average house in this area.
 - Our anger grew as we waited.
LONGER The _____ we became.

Activation

- Write a short paragraph comparing the lifestyles of people in your country nowadays and when your grandparents were young. Use the grammar from the exercise above. You could write about some of the following topics:
- education and jobs
 - free time
 - transport
 - entertainment
 - family life
 - life expectancy and health

*'When my grandparents were young, most people had a **much harder** life than they do now, because they didn't have **nearly as many** technological devices as our generation, for instance cars and washing machines which make life **a lot easier**. However, it's not necessarily true that **the more** gadgets people have, **the happier** they become. For example...'*

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 7C

COMPARISON

2 more money people have, the more time

3 nearly the tallest girl

4 louder and louder

5 a little more snow

6 as expensive as

7 is much the best

8 Far more students passed

9 The bigger the car you have, the higher the road tax

10 more and more difficult

11 as much as

12 The longer we waited, the angrier