**Exercise 1. Complete the sentences with the expressions in the box.**

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| less and less | fatter and fatter | the hotter |
| the longer | the more (x2) | worse and worse |

1. I think the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_it gets, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I appreciate the air conditioning!

2. Sally used to speak perfect Italian but she's becoming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_fluent than she used to be.

3. The adverts on TV are getting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They're awful now!

4. Jackie's a great friend – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I know her, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy her friendship.

5. My dog is getting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It's enormous!

**Exercise 2. Complete the second sentence using the word in capitals so that it has a similar meaning to the ﬁrst. Use between three and ﬁve words in each gap.**

1. It’s getting increasingly hard to find a cheap hotel here. **AND**

It’s getting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to ﬁnd a cheap hotel here.

2. People suffer greater homesickness when they travel further away from home. **MORE**

The further away people travel from home, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people get.

3. If you wait longer, it will be harder to ﬁnd a reasonably-priced ticket to Thailand. **THE**

The longer you wait, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to ﬁnd a reasonably priced ticket to Thailand

4. Our disappointment with the services provided by the tour operator was increasing all the time. **DISAPPOINTED**

We were getting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the services provided by the tour operator.

5. The service in the restaurant three years ago was not as good as it is now. **BETTER**

The service in the restaurant is becoming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each day.

6. I have never worn a bow tie before. **TIME**

This is the ﬁrst\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bow tie

7. I have never known anyone funnier than my friend Owen. **THE**

Owen is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have ever known.

8. My sister has never watched such a long film before. **WATCHED**

This is the longest film \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. I have listened to this song twice. **SECOND**

This is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have listened to this song.

10. Although he was interested in writing, he wrote only one book during his lifetime. **ONLY**

This is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he has ever written during his lifetime.

**ANSWER KEY**

**Exercise 1.**

1. the hotter – the more 2. less and less 3. worse and worse

4. the longer – the more 5. fatter and fatter

**Exercise 2.**

1. harder and harder

2. The more homesickness

3. the harder it will be

4. more and more disappointed

5. better and better

6. time I have (ever) worn

7. the funniest friend

8. my sister has (ever) watched

9. the second time

10. the only book