

Practice

1 Complete the sentences, using suitable comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives in the box. Add *than* or *the* if necessary, as in the example.

▶▶ 2.25 Listen and check.

bad bored dry far good keen loose pretty real scared ~~tidy~~ wet wrong

- 0 Since we've had a cleaner, the house has become a lot *tidier than* it used to be!
- 1 And now we come to the award for actor in a leading role.
- 2 It's been raining non-stop. I think this will be July on record!
- 3 The authenticity of dialogue and setting often makes low-budget films seem the somewhat artificial version of reality in Hollywood movies.
- 4 In medieval times people rarely travelled far. For most peasants, destination would be the local market town.
- 5 This skirt's much too tight on the hips. I need something with a fit.
- 6 The pianist was awful! I think that's performance I've ever heard.
- 7 I don't mind the Mediterranean summer because it's a heat than you find in the tropics.
- 8 I like all Mozart's operas but I think *Don Giovanni* is the one I am on.
- 9 We've inherited two paintings. Of the two, I'd say the landscape is
- 10 I know all theft is wrong, but don't you agree that it's to steal from an individual than from a company?
- 11 I've ever been was when Joe and I were flying over the Himalayas and we hit a storm; it was absolutely petrifying.
- 12 That play was so tedious. I was watching that than I was when I spent three hours trapped in that lift last year!

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Find and correct ten more mistakes. ▶▶ 2.26 Listen and check.

KAREN Now we've seen all the candidates, what do you think?

TOBY It's a difficult choice, but I thought Steven was the ~~most strong~~ ^{strongest} of the three.

KAREN Oh? You couldn't be more wrong! Meera definitely has betterer experience.

TOBY Well of course she does, she's elder than the other two.

KAREN Yes, and she's maturer.

TOBY True. But don't you think she's a bit set in her ways? Would she really fit in here?

KAREN I don't see why not. Let's face it, the other two are very young – significantly more younger than most of our staff.

TOBY That could be a good thing. I mean younger people are adaptabler than older ones.

KAREN OK. What about Ahmed? He was the best qualified in the candidates.

TOBY I'm not sure. He seemed the less promising of the three. He was too laid-back.

KAREN Yes, he was the easily most relaxed – people are usually more nervouser at interviews.

TOBY So we come back to Steven. He was one the most ambitious candidates I've ever interviewed. I thought that was a positive thing ...

KAREN Yes. But he's very distant. Aren't we looking for someone more friendlier and approachable? Let's look at their CVs again.