

Unit 69: COMPARING TWO

Here are some ways to say that two things or people or ideas are the same or different.

1 When they are different

a We can say the same thing

AFFIRMATIVELY

Comparative (Unit 68) + **than**

Iraq is **hotter than** Italy.

The exam was **easier than** I thought.

He should drive **more slowly than** that.

He gets **more** money **than** me.

The meal today was **more expensive than** yesterday.

or

NEGATIVELY

not as ... as

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Italy is **not as hot as** Iraq.

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The exam was **not as difficult as** I thought.

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He shouldn't drive **as quickly as** that.

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I don't get **as much** money as him.

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The meal yesterday was **not as expensive as** today.

b Another way to say **not as ... as** is **less ... than**:

The exam was **less difficult than** I thought.

I get **less** money **than** him.

c Sometimes, it is not necessary to use **than**:

John's English is good but Maria's is **better** (than John's).

He's looking for a job with **more** money (than he gets now).

d We can use **much, nearly, a little** and **quite** to show:

a big difference

Iraq is **much** hotter than Italy.

Italy isn't **nearly** as hot as Iraq.

a small difference

Drive **a little** more slowly than that.

Don't drive **quite** as quickly as that.

2 When they are the same

Use **as ... as**

He ran **as fast as** he could.

(He could not run any faster.)

I'm **as tall as** you are. (We are the same height.)

Is Athens **as noisy as** Cairo? (Are they equally noisy?)

To show exactly the same: I'm **just** as tall as you are.