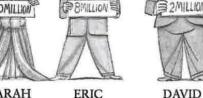
Comparison (3) - as . . . as / than

Study this example situation:





Sarah, Eric, and David are all millionaires. They are all very rich.

Sarah has \$10 million, Eric has \$8 million, and David has \$2 million. So:

Eric is rich.

He is richer than David.

But he isn't as rich as Sarah. (= Sarah is richer than he is.)

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Some more examples of not as . . . (as):

- Tom isn't as old as he looks. (= he looks older than he is)
- The shopping mall wasn't as crowded as usual. (= it is usually more crowded)
- Jenny didn't do as well on the exam as she had hoped. (= she had hoped to do better)
- The weather is better today, isn't it?" "Yes, it's not as cold." (= yesterday was colder)
- I don't know as many people as you do. (= you know more people)

You can also say "not so . . . (as)":

It's not warm, but it isn't so cold as yesterday. (= it isn't as cold as yesterday)

Less . . . (than) is similar to not as . . . (as):

- I spent less money than you. (= I didn't spend as much money as you)
- The shopping mall was less crowded than usual. (= it wasn't as crowded as usual)

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You can use as . . . as (but not so . . . as) in positive sentences and questions:

- I'm sorry I'm late. I got here as fast as I could.
- There's plenty of food. You can have as much as you want.
- Let's walk. It's just as quick as taking the bus.
- Can you send me the money as soon as possible, please?

Also: twice as . . . as, three times as . . . as, etc.:

- Gas is twice as expensive as it was a few years ago.
- Their house is about three times as big as ours.

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We say the same as (not the same like):

Ann's salary is the same as mine. or Ann makes the same salary as me.

Tom is the same age as Brian.

"What would you like to drink?" "I'll have the same as you."

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We usually say:

- You are older than me. (not than I)
- He isn't as popular as her. (not as she)

After than/as it is more usual to say me/him/her/them/us when there is no verb. Compare:

- You are taller than I am. but You are taller than me.
- They have more money than we do. but They have more money than us. I can't run as fast as he can. but I can't run as fast as him.
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EXE	rcises	ONII
103.1 Complete the sentences using as as.		103
	1. I'm pretty tall, but you are taller. I'm not <u>as tall as you</u> .	
	2. My salary is high, but yours is higher. My salary isn't	
	3. You know a little bit about cars, but I know more.	
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	4. I still feel a little tired, but I felt a lot more tired yesterday. I don't	
	5. They've lived here quite a while, but we've lived here longer.	
	They haven't 6. I was a little nervous before the interview, but usually I'm a lot more nervous. I wasn't	
103.2	Rewrite these sentences so that they have the same meaning.	
	1. Jack is younger than he looks. Jack isn't <u>as old as he looks</u> .	
	2. I didn't spend as much money as you. You spent more money than me	
	3. The station was nearer than I thought. The station wasn't	11.00.
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	4. I go out less than I used to. I don't 5. Her hair isn't as long as it used to be. She used to	D,
	6. I know them better than you do. You don't	
	7. There were fewer people at this meeting than at the last one.	
	There weren't	
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103.3	Complete the sentences using as as. Choose one of the following:	
	bad comfortable experienced fast long often soon well	
	1. I'm sorry I'm late. I got here <u>as fast as</u> I could.	
	2. It was a hard question. I answered it I could.	
	3. "How long can I stay with you?" "You can stay	
	4. I need the information quickly, so please let me know possible.	
	5. I like to stay in shape, so I go swimming I can.	
	In the following sentences use just as as.	
	6. I'm going to sleep on the floor. It's sleeping in that hard bed.	
	7. Why did he get the job rather than me? I'm him.	
	8. At first I thought he was nice, but he's really	
	everybody else.	
103.4	Write sentences using the same as.	
	1. Sally and Kate are both 22 years old. Sally is the same age as Kate.	
	2. You and I both have dark brown hair. Your hair	
	3. I arrived at 10:25 and so did you. I	
	4. My birthday is April 5. Tom's birthday is April 5, too. My	
103.5	Complete the sentences with than or as	
	1. I can't reach as high as you. You are taller <u>than me</u> .	
	He doesn't know much. I know more I don't work particularly hard. Most people work as hard	
	4. We were very surprised. Nobody was more surprised	
	5. She's not a very good player I'm a horror player	
	5. She's not a very good player. I'm a better player6. They've been very lucky. I wish we were as lucky	
	o. They we been very fucky. I wish we were as fucky	

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