

32 not as ... as, the same (... as)



1 not as + adjective + as

We use *not as ... as* to say that one thing is less difficult, interesting, expensive, etc. than another thing:

The blue jeans are £75.	The blue jeans aren't as cheap as the white jeans.
The white jeans are £40.	The white jeans aren't as expensive as the blue jeans.

Compare these examples. They have the same meaning:

Paris isn't as big as London. = *London is bigger than Paris.*

Spanish isn't as difficult as Arabic. = *Arabic is more difficult than Spanish.*

bigger, smaller, more difficult, less easy, etc. ➤ Units 29 and 30

2 the same + noun (+ as)

We use *the same ... as* to compare two things that are equal:

The black jeans are the same price as the blue ones.

My mobile phone is the same type as yours.

⚠ We use nouns after *the same (... as)*, not adjectives:

✗ *The jeans are the same expensive.*

✓ *The jeans are the same price.*

We can also say *the same as + mine, yours, this one, that one, etc.*:

Jane's car is the same as mine. We both have Toyotas.

This bicycle is exactly the same as that one.

3 as + adverb + as

We can also use *not as + adverb + as*:

I don't wear jeans as often as Ben.

Danny doesn't play as well as Boris.

Practice

1 Do sentences A and B have the same (S) or different (D) meanings? Write S or D.

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| 0 A My sister isn't as tall as me. | B I'm taller than my sister. | S |
| 1 A I'm twenty-one. My sister is eighteen. | B I'm not as old as my sister. | |
| 2 A The price of tea and coffee is the same. | B Tea is not as expensive as coffee. | |
| 3 A I visit my grandfather once a month and I visit my cousins twice a month. | B I don't visit my grandfather as often as I visit my cousins. | |
| 4 A American football isn't as popular as soccer. | B Soccer is less popular than American football. | |

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the information. Then write sentences comparing the two apartments. Use *not as ... as* or *the same (... as)* and the words in brackets (). Write your own opinions for sentences 5 and 6.

location	TURLEY STREET	SALFORD ROAD
distance from bus stop	100 metres	400 metres
price	£350 per month	£500 per month
size	100 sq m	100 sq m
distance from centre	6 km	2 km
age of building	2002	1920



- 0 (near the bus stop) *Salford Road isn't as near the bus stop as Turley Street.*
- 1 (expensive)
- 2 (size)
- 3 (far from the centre)
- 4 (new)
- 5 (beautiful) *I think*
- 6 (comfortable) *I think*

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** The words in the box are missing from the conversation. Put them in the correct positions.

- SILVIE What do you think of these jeans?
- CLAUDE They aren't as nice ^{as} the ones you bought last winter.
- SILVIE Really? I think they're exactly same as those.
- CLAUDE No. They're a much darker colour.
- SILVIE Yes, perhaps you're right.
- CLAUDE Did they cost the as the other pair?
- SILVIE No. They weren't expensive as those. I bought them in the sale.
- CLAUDE Do they have any Calvin Klein jeans in the sale?
- SILVIE No, but they have some that are nearly the same Calvin Klein jeans – they look like them but they're cheaper.
- CLAUDE You mean they're copies. I always think they look completely different from the real ones!