

# PREPOSITIONS WITH COMPARISONS: AS – AS, NOT SO – AS, THAN

we use THAN:

for comparisons between two unequal things, eg. *Sam is taller than Jay.*

we use AS – AS:

when two things are equal in some qualities, eg. *Sam is as tall as Jay.*

sometimes, when two things are unequal in some qualities, eg. *Sam is not as tall as Jay.*

we use NOT SO – AS:

only when two things are unequal in some qualities, eg. *Sam is not so tall as Jay.*

- 1 I prefer chocolate ice-cream because it is \_\_\_\_\_ more delicious \_\_\_\_\_ vanilla.
- 2 We need to change the time of our meeting tomorrow. Can we start \_\_\_\_\_ later \_\_\_\_\_ 3 o'clock?
- 3 Natalie looks just like her mother she is just \_\_\_\_\_ tall and beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- 4 The university library is a large building, but it isn't \_\_\_\_\_ large \_\_\_\_\_ as the hospital building.
- 5 Silver is quite expensive but it isn't \_\_\_\_\_ expensive \_\_\_\_\_ gold or pearls.
- 6 Teenagers aren't adults yet, but they can be \_\_\_\_\_ intelligent and smart \_\_\_\_\_ adults.
- 7 I don't know if Petra is \_\_\_\_\_ older \_\_\_\_\_ her sister or not.
- 8 We don't have a lot of time, so we can't do anything that needs \_\_\_\_\_ more time \_\_\_\_\_ 45 minutes.
- 9 Rabbits or hamsters can be just \_\_\_\_\_ good \_\_\_\_\_ as family as cats or dogs.
- 10 The old management wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ strict \_\_\_\_\_ as the new management is.
- 11 When I started going to this school, the building wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ big and modern \_\_\_\_\_ it is now, after the reconstruction.
- 12 I am growing out my hair. In a few months, it will be \_\_\_\_\_ long \_\_\_\_\_ my sister's.
- 13 Our new receptionist is much \_\_\_\_\_ better \_\_\_\_\_ our receptionist, who was often late for work and rude to customers.
- 14 The city used to be \_\_\_\_\_ smaller \_\_\_\_\_ it is today.
- 15 Anthony is \_\_\_\_\_ talented at music \_\_\_\_\_ his father, who was a famous and respected composer and pianist.
- 16 The movie was funny but it wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ funny \_\_\_\_\_ the movie we saw last week.
- 17 Now that I am older, I am not \_\_\_\_\_ adventurous and rebellious \_\_\_\_\_ I was when I was a child or teenager.
- 18 Are bus tickets \_\_\_\_\_ expensive \_\_\_\_\_ train tickets, or cheaper?
- 19 I prefer my new computer because it is much \_\_\_\_\_ faster \_\_\_\_\_ my old computer.
- 20 Studying psychology can be \_\_\_\_\_ difficult \_\_\_\_\_ studying Math or science.

# QUIZ YOURSELF!

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1 The French test wasn't \_\_\_\_ difficult \_\_\_\_ the history test.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

2 This new car is \_\_\_\_ fast and beautiful \_\_\_\_ the old car we had last year.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

3 If I wear high heels, I am \_\_\_\_ taller \_\_\_\_ my boyfriend.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

4 Karla is a good singer, but she isn't \_\_\_\_ talented \_\_\_\_ Marianne.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

5 I hope that one day, I can play \_\_\_\_ beautifully \_\_\_\_ my piano teacher.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

6 In our country, January is usually much \_\_\_\_ colder \_\_\_\_ August.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

7 People in some countries don't make \_\_\_\_ much money \_\_\_\_ in other countries.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

8 When I was \_\_\_\_ young \_\_\_\_ you are now, I was a gymnast.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

9 The forecast says that next week should be \_\_\_\_ warmer \_\_\_\_ last week.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

10 Birthday parties usually aren't \_\_\_\_ big and expensive \_\_\_\_ weddings.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

11 David is \_\_\_\_ tall and handsome \_\_\_\_ his older brother Michael.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

12 I should listen to your advice. You're much \_\_\_\_ smarter \_\_\_\_ me.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

13 Women typically aren't \_\_\_\_ physically strong \_\_\_\_ men.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

14 Eating a lot of bad food is \_\_\_\_ unhealthy \_\_\_\_ smoking cigarettes.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

15 If you are \_\_\_\_ younger \_\_\_\_ 18 years old, you cannot legally get married.  
A as / as      B so / as      C -- / than

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