

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 white jeans are £40.*

*The blue jeans aren't as cheap as the white jeans.
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.

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. as the as same as

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!