

B2 GRAMMAR: COMPARISONS (COMPARATIVES, SUPERLATIVES)

REWRITE THE SENTENCES

1/ So sánh hơn ⇔ So sánh bằng (phủ định)

S1 + be/V + **adj/adv so sánh hơn + than + S2** (*S1... hơn S2*)

⇒ S2 + be/V + **NOT + as adj/adv as + S1** (*S2 không... bằng S1*)

Ex: Linda is taller than Sam.

⇒ Sam is not as tall as Linda.

2/ So sánh kém ⇔ So sánh bằng (less....than = not as.....as)

S1 + be/V + **less adj/adv + than S2**

⇒ S1 + be/V + **not as adj/adv as + S2.**

Ex:

He is less careful than his brother.

→ He is not as careful as his brother.

Nam drives less carefully than he used to.

→ Nam doesn't drive as carefully as he used to.

3/ So sánh hơn ⇔ So sánh hơn (dùng tính/trạng từ trái nghĩa)

S1 + be/V + **adj/adv so sánh hơn + than + S2** (*S1... hơn S2*)

⇒ S2 + be/V + **adj/adv so sánh hơn + than + S1** (*tính từ trái nghĩa*)

Ex: Linda is taller than Sam.

⇒ Sam is shorter than Linda.

4/ So sánh nhất ⇔ So sánh hơn (A ...nhất ⇔ A ...hơn bất kì ai/cái gì khác)

A + be/V + the + so sánh nhất ...

⇒ A + be/V + so sánh hơn + than + **the other** + noun số nhiều ...

⇒ A + be/V + so sánh hơn + than + **any other** + noun số nhiều ...

Ex: The Nile is the longest river in the world.

⇒ The Nile is longer than **the other rivers** in the world.

⇒ The Nile is longer than **any other rivers** in the world.

5/ So sánh nhất ⇔ So sánh hơn (A....nhất ⇔ không ai/gì/....hơn A)

A + be/V + **so sánh nhất.**

↔ **No + noun (số ít) + be/V + so sánh hơn + than A**

↔ **Every other noun (số ít) + be/V + so sánh hơn + than A (dùng tính từ trái nghĩa)**

Ex: That restaurant is the best in the city.

No restaurant in the city is better than that one.

Every other restaurant in the city is worse than that one.

6/ So sánh nhất ↔ So sánh bằng (Anhất ↔ Không ai/gì.....bằng A)

A + be/V + the + so sánh nhất ...

↔ **No + noun số ít + be + as adj as + A.**

Ex: The Nile is the longest river in the world.

↔ No river in the world is as long as the Nile.

7/ Sb chưa từng làm gì (adj) hơn... ↔ Đây là (adj) nhất Sb đã từng làm.

S + have/has never Vp2 + a/an + ss **hơn + noun** (+ than this one).

↔ **This is the + so sánh nhất + (noun) + S have/has ever Vp2.**

Ex: I have never read a better book (than this one).

→ This is the best book I have ever read.

8/ Sb chưa từngnhư này trước kia ↔ Đây lànhất Sb từng làm.

S have/has never + Vp2 + **such a/an adj noun** (+ like this before).

↔ **This is the + so sánh nhất + noun (that) + S have/has ever Vp2.**

Ex: I have never read such a good book (like this before).

→ This is the best book (that) I have ever read.

9/ Has anyone ever been/Vp2 + **this/so + adj/adv + before?** (Đã ai từng.....như này chưa?)

Is this/it the + (adj) so sánh nhất + anyone has ever been?

Ex:

Has anyone ever been this far north before?

→ Is this the farthest anyone has ever been?

PRACTICE:

Rewrite the sentences beginning with the give words and containing the word in brackets.

1. Sweden is colder than Viet Nam. (as)

Viet Nam

2. A car is often more expensive than a motorbike. (as)

A motorbike is

3. A play is often longer than a film. (as)

A film is

4. A play is often longer than a film. (than)

A film is

5. My kitchen is smaller than yours. (than)

Your kitchen is

6. Exercise A is easier than exercise B. (than)

Exercise B is

7. Ho Chi Minh City is noisier than Hoi An. (than)

Hoi An

8. The air in the countryside is often cleaner than that in the city. (than)

The air in the city

9. My husband is not as good at driving as I am. (than)

I am

10. This stamp is rarer than any other in my collection. (than)

The other stamps

11. Liam is the tallest boy in the class.

Every other

12. He types less quickly than he used to. (as)

He doesn't

13. The United Nations is the largest international organization. (than)

No

14. The United Nations is the largest international organization. (as)

No

15. Viet Nam wasn't as active as it is now in the region. (than)

Now Viet Nam

16. I read that Mount Everest is the highest mountain. (than)

I read that no

17. The painting Ed did is the ugliest one you can imagine. (than)
You can't imagine

18. The picture you took is the most unique one I have ever seen. (than)
I have never seen

19. I have never seen such a boring film. (most)
This is

20. This is the best cake I have ever eaten. (such)
I have never

21. This is the best cake I have ever eaten. (better)
I have never

22. She is the most beautiful girl I have ever seen. (such)
I have never seen

23. I have never seen such a beautiful girl before. (than)
I have never seen

24. I have never done such a busy job like this before. (the)
This

25. I have never taken such an interesting online course. (most)
This is

26. This is the nicest beach along this part of the coast. (than)
This

27. Has anyone ever tried so hard before? (the)
Is

28. No one in the class runs as fast as Pedro. (runner)
Pedro

29. Nobody in the company drives as carefully as Mike. (most)
Mike

30. Nobody cooks better than Mr. Nam in his family. (cook)
Mr Nam is