

Comparisons with As...As

	As	Adjective	As	
My car is	as	big comfortable	as	your car.

	As	Adverb	As	
I drive	as	well carefully	as	you do.

1. Use *as* + adjective/adverb + *as* to compare two people, places, or things that are the same or equal in some way.

Adjective: Your car is **as old as** mine.
Adverb: I can run a mile **as fast as** you can.

2. To complete a comparison with *as...as*, you can use

- a noun (+ verb)
- a subject pronoun + verb or an auxiliary verb
- a possessive noun or possessive pronoun

- I dance as well as **my brother (dances)**.
- I dance as well as **he dances**.
I dance as well as **he does**.
- My computer is as old as **Rita's**.
My computer is as old as **hers**.

3. In informal speaking, object pronouns are often used to complete comparisons with *as...as*.

Formal: He's as tall as **I am**.
Informal: He's as tall as **me**.

4 Complete each sentence with *as...as* and the adjective or adverb in parentheses.

- Magazine ads are as effective as (effective) newspaper ads.
- Mark plays the guitar _____ (well) Nancy does.
- Online reviews are _____ (useful) asking friends about products.
- I read online reviews _____ (carefully) he does.
- The coat was just _____ (warm) it looked.
- Your sofa is just _____ (comfortable) Diane's.
- My computer is _____ (fast) the newer models.
- He shops online _____ (frequently) I do.

5 Use the words to make comparisons with *as...as*.

- Desktop computers / be / popular / laptops

Desktop computers are as popular as laptops (are).

- Microwave ovens / work / well / regular ovens

- Motorcycles / go / fast / cars

- This hotel room / be / big / my apartment

5. A smartphone / send messages / quickly / a laptop

6. My mother / speak English / well / my father

7. Gabi / go shopping / often / Linda

8. Trains / be / comfortable / airplanes

Comparison with **Less** and **Not As . . . As**

Less + Adjective or Adverb + Than

	<i>Less</i>	Adjective/Adverb	<i>Than</i>	
This phone is	less	expensive	than	that one.
This old fan works	less	efficiently	than	the new fan.

Not As + Adjective or Adverb + As

	<i>Not As</i>	Adjective/Adverb	<i>As</i>	
This phone is	not as	expensive good	as	that one.
This old fan does	not work as	efficiently well	as	the new fan.

1. The opposite of *more* is *less*. *Not as . . . as* and *less* have the same meaning.

My old car was **less efficient than** my new car.
My old car was **not as efficient as** my new car.

2. Use *not as . . . as* with one-syllable adjectives or adverbs.

My apartment is **not as big as** yours.
Tom doesn't run **as fast as** Steven.

3. Use *less . . . than* or *not as . . . as* with adjectives or adverbs that have two or more syllables. The meaning is the same.

My son visits **less frequently than** my daughter.
My son doesn't visit **as frequently as** my daughter.

4. **Remember:** If the comparison is clear, the second part of the comparison is not necessary.

The food at Joe's cafe isn't **as good as** the food at Chez Claude, but it's **less expensive**.
The food at Joe's cafe is **less expensive than** the food at Chez Claude, but it isn't **as good**.

Complete the conversations with *less* or *not as . . . as* and the words in parentheses. Do not use *not* unless it is included in the parentheses. Use *than* and the second *as* only where necessary.

1. **Anita:** The clothes in this store (1) aren't as nice as (not be / nice) they used to be. Look at this coat! It's much (2) _____ (fashionable) the coat I bought here last year.

Jackie: Well, that's true. It (3) _____ (not be / stylish), but it's also (4) _____ (expensive).

2. Chris: Check out this new coffee machine! It looks great! Ours (5) _____ (not be / fancy) this new one.

Mike: Well, it's definitely fancier than ours, but it (6) _____ (not be / efficient). It (7) _____ (not make coffee / quickly), and the coffee (8) _____ (not taste / good).

Rewrite each sentence with the word(s) in parentheses.

1. My watch is less attractive than yours. (not as . . . as)

My watch isn't as attractive as yours.

2. Sally's shoes aren't as fancy as Jill's. (less)

3. Adam exercises less frequently than he used to. (not as . . . as)

4. This supermarket isn't as expensive as the one across the street. (less)

5. The actor's new movie isn't as exciting as his last one. (less)

6. This gym is less convenient than the one near my house. (not as . . . as)

7. This review is less positive than that one. (not as . . . as)

8. The new tablet doesn't start up as quickly as the old one. (less)