

less ... than, (not) as ... as

USE

Less is the opposite of **more**.

*Watching tennis is **less** popular **than** watching football.*

(= Watching football is **more** popular **than** watching tennis.)

■ We use **as ... as** to say two things are the same.

*European films are **as good as** American films.*

■ We use **not as ... as** to say that the second person or thing is **more ... than** the first one.

*Watching tennis isn't **as** popular **as** watching football.*

(= Watching football is **more** popular **than** watching tennis.)

2 Compare the two things using the adjective and **less ... than** and **(not) as ... as**.

1 Italy → big → Russia.

2 Hamsters → dangerous → snakes.

3 The River Thames → long → the Amazon.

4 A kilo of gold → heavy → a kilo of rice.

5 Chocolate → expensive → caviar