SCHOOL vs. UNIVERSITY

READING: Comparing a School with a University

Moving from high school to university is a big change for most students. In general, a high school isn't as big as a university, and it isn't as independent either. At school, there aren't enough study spaces or specialized labs, and classrooms are sometimes too crowded. Also, high school schedules are too strict for many students, while university schedules are just as busy as school schedules, but with much more freedom. On the other hand, high school students don't have as much homework or as many responsibilities as university students. In addition, university tuition is often too expensive, whereas public high school is affordable. Even though a high school isn't as large or flexible as a university, both places are important for learning.



GRAMMAR EXPLANATION: EVALUATIONS AND COMPARISONS

Category	Structure & Rules	Examples (School vs. University)
1. Evaluations with Adjectives	• not + adjective + enough (less than needed) • too + adjective (more than needed / negative)	• A high school isn't big enough for 5,000 students. • University tuition is often too expensive. • High school schedules are too strict.
2. Evaluations with Nouns	• not + enough + noun (countable or uncountable) • too many + countable noun • too much + uncountable noun	• There aren't enough study spaces at school. • University students have too many exams. • There is too much noise in crowded hallways.
3. Comparisons with Adjectives	• not as + adjective + as (difference) • (just) as + adjective + as (similarity)	• A school isn't as independent as a university. • A school is not as organized as a university. • University is just as important as high school.
4. Comparisons with Nouns	• not as many + countable noun + as • not as much + uncountable noun + as	• School students don't have as many responsibilities as university students. • School students don't have as much freedom as university students.

Quick Word-Order & Countability Tip:

• Notice where 'enough' goes: AFTER adjectives (big enough), but BEFORE nouns (enough windows / enough labs).
• Use 'many' with countable nouns (classes, students, exams) and 'much' with uncountable nouns (homework, freedom, privacy, noise).

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GRAMMAR PRACTICE EXERCISES: EVALUATIONS AND COMPARISONS

Exercise 1: Complete the evaluations using 'too' or 'enough' and the word in parentheses.

1. High school classrooms are sometimes _____ (crowded).
2. Our school library isn't _____ (quiet) for studying before exams.
3. There aren't _____ (computers) for all the students in the lab.
4. For many families, private university tuition is _____ (expensive).
5. High school students often don't have _____ (time) to finish all their projects.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with 'too many', 'too much', 'as many ... as', or 'as much ... as'.

1. High school students don't have _____ freedom _____ university students.
2. University students sometimes have _____ assignments in a single week.
3. A small high school doesn't offer _____ courses _____ a large university.
4. In the cafeteria, there is often _____ noise to have a quiet conversation.
5. Younger students don't have _____ homework _____ college students.

Exercise 3: Rewrite each sentence using '(not) as + adjective + as' without changing the meaning.

1. A university is more organized than a high school.
   → A high school is _____.
2. High school classes are easier than university lectures.
   → High school classes are _____.
3. Both school teachers and university professors are helpful.
   → School teachers are just _____.
4. A university campus is larger than a school building.
   → A school building is _____.
5. University schedules are more flexible than school schedules.
   → School schedules are _____.

Exercise 4: Circle the correct option to complete each comparison or evaluation.

1. A high school isn't (big enough / enough big) to have ten different cafeterias.
2. University students don't have (as many / as much) free time during final exams.
3. This lecture hall is (too / enough) small for three hundred students.
4. Our new university library is (just as modern as / as modern just as) the science building.
5. There aren't (enough chairs / chairs enough) in the classroom today.

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