

PREPOSITIONS WITH COMPARISONS: AS – AS, NOT SO – AS, THAN

we use THAN:

for comparisons between two unequal things, eg. *Sam is taller than Jay.*

we use AS – AS:

when two things are equal in some qualities, eg. *Sam is as tall as Jay.*

sometimes, when two things are unequal in some qualities, eg. *Sam is not as tall as Jay.*

we use NOT SO – AS:

only when two things are unequal in some qualities, eg. *Sam is not so tall as Jay.*

- 1 I prefer chocolate ice-cream because it is _____ more delicious _____ vanilla.
- 2 We need to change the time of our meeting tomorrow. Can we start _____ later _____ 3 o'clock?
- 3 Natalie looks just like her mother she is just _____ tall and beautiful _____ her.
- 4 The university library is a large building, but it isn't _____ large _____ as the hospital building.
- 5 Silver is quite expensive but it isn't _____ expensive _____ gold or pearls.
- 6 Teenagers aren't adults yet, but they can be _____ intelligent and smart _____ adults.
- 7 I don't know if Petra is _____ older _____ her sister or not.
- 8 We don't have a lot of time, so we can't do anything that needs _____ more time _____ 45 minutes.
- 9 Rabbits or hamsters can be just _____ good _____ as family as cats or dogs.
- 10 The old management wasn't _____ strict _____ as the new management is.
- 11 When I started going to this school, the building wasn't _____ big and modern _____ it is now, after the reconstruction.
- 12 I am growing out my hair. In a few months, it will be _____ long _____ my sister's.
- 13 Our new receptionist is much _____ better _____ our receptionist, who was often late for work and rude to customers.
- 14 The city used to be _____ smaller _____ it is today.
- 15 Anthony is _____ talented at music _____ his father, who was a famous and respected composer and pianist.
- 16 The movie was funny but it wasn't _____ funny _____ the movie we saw last week.
- 17 Now that I am older, I am not _____ adventurous and rebellious _____ I was when I was a child or teenager.
- 18 Are bus tickets _____ expensive _____ train tickets, or cheaper?
- 19 I prefer my new computer because it is much _____ faster _____ my old computer.
- 20 Studying psychology can be _____ difficult _____ studying Math or science.

QUIZ YOURSELF!

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- 1 The French test wasn't ____ difficult ____ the history test.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 2 This new car is ____ fast and beautiful ____ the old car we had last year.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 3 If I wear high heels, I am ____ taller ____ my boyfriend.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 4 Karla is a good singer, but she isn't ____ talented ____ Marianne.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 5 I hope that one day, I can play ____ beautifully ____ my piano teacher.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 6 In our country, January is usually much ____ colder ____ August.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 7 People in some countries don't make ____ much money ____ in other countries.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 8 When I was ____ young ____ you are now, I was a gymnast.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 9 The forecast says that next week should be ____ warmer ____ last week.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 10 Birthday parties usually aren't ____ big and expensive ____ weddings.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 11 David is ____ tall and handsome ____ his older brother Michael.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 12 I should listen to your advice. You're much ____ smarter ____ me.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 13 Women typically aren't ____ pysicaly strong ____ men.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 14 Eating a lot of bad food is ____ unhealthy ____ smoking cigarettes.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than
- 15 If you are ____ younger ____ 18 years old, you cannot legally get married.
A as / as B so / as C -- / than

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