UNIT 4 — comparative review and *(not) as ... as*

Function

We use comparatives to compare one thing, person, or place to another thing, person, or place. We use *as ... as* to show that two things are equal. We use *(not) as ... as* to show that two things are not equal.

Form

Adjectives with one syllable	Adjectives that end with *-y* and have two syllables
My sister is quieter than I am. Silvia is nicer than Ella.	Horacio is happier than Frank. I'm lazier than my sister is.

Adjectives with two or more syllables	Irregular forms
Cities are more expensive than small towns. He is more handsome than his father. Now I'm more ambitious than I was then.	He's a better cook than his sister is. New York is farther from her than Chicago is.

as ... as	*(not) as ... as*
She's as friendly as her daughter. He's as tall as I am. I'm as stressed as you are about this.	I'm not as creative as you are. They're not as hard-working as we are. She's not as optimistic as she used to be.

A Choose the correct option.

My brother and I are twins—we look very similar, except that I'm **1** as tall as / not as tall as he is. I'm only 175 centimeters! We both have blue eyes, although I think his eyes **2** are bluer / are more bluer. When it comes to personality, we're really different. I don't think he's **3** as serious as / not as serious as I am. He's **4** more sociable / sociabler than I am and likes hanging out with his friends, while I like to be alone. I'd like to be **5** as easygoing / not as easygoing as he is, but I wouldn't like to be **6** as lazy / not as lazy as he is!

B Correct the mistakes.

1 I think that the coffee in this café is more good than the other one. _____
2 A city vacation is expensiver than a vacation in the country. _____
3 Our apartment isn't modern as yours. _____
4 Is your homework as hard like mine? _____
5 Her driving isn't getting better. It's getting badder! _____
6 You should do this task first because it's importanter. _____
7 Tom was as happy than you when he heard the news. _____

GRAMMAR *(not) as ... as*

A Choose the sentence with the same meaning.

1 Type Ds aren't as optimistic as Type Bs.
   a Types Ds and Type Bs are equally optimistic.
   b Type Ds are more optimistic than Type Bs.
   c Type Bs are more optimistic than Type Ds.

2 Type Cs are as stressed as Type As at work.
   a Type Cs and Type As are equally stressed at work.
   b Type Cs are more stressed than Type As at work.
   c Type As are more stressed than Type Cs at work.

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B Choose the correct option.

Because my sister and I are twins, people think we have the same personality, but we are very different. My sister, Danni, is more of a Type A personality. I'm more of a Type B. Danni **1** isn't as patient as / is as patient as I am. She gets mad about small things, but I don't. In general, Type A people **2** aren't as easygoing as / are as easygoing as Type B people. Of course, Type B people aren't always relaxed. For example, I'm **3** as impatient as / not as impatient as Danni when I have to wait in line at the store. We both want to buy our things and leave quickly! Danni and I are different, but we have a good relationship. I think we are both outgoing, and I'm **4** as friendly as / not as friendly as her. For example, we both like going out together to see friends. But I'm **5** as hard-working as / not as hard-working as Danni, so I go out more often! I usually stay out with friends longer, and she comes home and does her homework!

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IN PAIRS **Compare people. Use adjectives from the reading and any others you know.**

brother/sister classmate/friend Dad/Mom Type A personalities/Type B personalities

My brother isn't as easygoing as my sister.

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