

It looks as stylish as a normal sports car and it's as fast.
It's a bit more expensive, but this car is 100% electric, so it's a lot more ecological and it's much cheaper to run. So being green when you drive doesn't have to be as difficult as you thought – and it can be much more fun.



Presentation

as ... as

Use *as ... as* to compare two things and say that they are similar.

It's as fast as a normal sports car. (= Sports cars are fast. This car is equally fast.)

Use *not as ... as* to compare two things and say that one has less of a certain quality than the other:

It isn't as expensive as a normal car. (= It's cheaper)

Comparative modifiers

Use modifiers to say there is a big difference or a small difference between the things we are comparing:

- big difference:
This car is a lot / much faster than other cars.
- small difference:
This car is a bit / a little more expensive than other cars.

Exercises

1 Put the words in order. Start with the phrase which is underlined.

Old-fashioned style or new tech comfort? Which camper van do you prefer?

- popular as the new model isn't the original model as
- stylish not the new van as is
- it's as comfortable sleep to in
- not expensive as the new model is
- the new one the old one big as as is

2 Complete these sentences with *is/isn't as ... as* and the adjective in brackets.

- bus (\$40) train (\$40)
The train is as expensive as the bus. (expensive)
- January (10 degrees) August (18 degrees):
The weather in January isn't as hot as August. (hot)
- plane (😊😊) train (😊😊):
The plane is more comfortable than the train. (comfortable)
- bike (no fuel) car (fuel):
A bike is cheaper than a car to run. (expensive)
- bike (30 minutes) bus (30 minutes)
The journey on a bike is faster than a bus. (fast)
- car (5 passengers) van (10 passengers)
A car is smaller than a van. (big)

3 Write complete sentences with comparative forms and modifiers.

- My new car / lot / fast / than my old car. My new car is a lot faster than my old car.
- Finland / much / cold / Italy. _____
- This coat / little / warm / than that one. _____
- Shopping online / often / bit / cheap. _____
- At the weekend, traffic / much / good / in the city centre. _____
- This lesson / lot / interesting / than the last one. _____

4 Look at the table and underline the correct comparative modifier.

Top three honeymoon destinations of the month			
	New York	The Maldives	Finland
			
Price	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$
Length of stay	5 days	10 days	2 weeks
Weather	☀☀	☀☀☀☀	☀
Excitement	😊	😊😊	😊😊😊😊
Romance	♥♥♥♥	♥♥♥♥♥♥	♥♥♥

- The weather in New York is *a bit* / *a lot* better than in Finland.
- The weather in the Maldives is *a little* / *much* better than in Finland.
- Finland is *a bit* / *much* more exciting than New York.
- New York is *a little* / *a lot* less exciting than the Maldives.
- The Maldives is *a lot* / *a bit* more romantic than Finland.
- Finland is *much* / *a little* less romantic than New York.