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CLAUSES OF COMPARISON

A. Positive form:

+	AS + adj / adv + AS	E.g.: He works as hard as I do.
-	not AS / SO + adj / adv + AS	Mary doesn't cook so well as her mother.

Notes:

1. less ... than = not as / so ... as

E.g.: This film is **less / not as** interesting **than / as** the one we saw last week.

2. twice / three ... times as ... as

E.g.: Their house is about **three times as** big **as** ours.

3. the same as

E.g.: Ann's salary is **the same as** Jane's.

Tom is **the same age as** Dick.

B. Comparative form:

Short adj/adv or Two-syllable adj/adv. ending in -y, -le, -er, -ure, -ow, -et	adj/adv + ER + than	E.g.: His house is bigger than hers. Today she looks happier than him.
Long adj/adv	MORE + adj/adv + THAN	You're more patient than me.

C. Superlative form:

Short adj/adv or Two-syllable adj/adv. ending in -y, -le, -er, -ure, -ow, -et	THE + adj/adv + EST	E.g.: Nam is the tallest student in my class.
Long adj/adv	THE MOST + adj/adv	This is the most delicious meal I've had for a long time.

Notes:

1. Some irregular adj/adv:

good / well	better	the best
bad / badly	worse	the worst
far	farther / further	the farthest / the furthest
little	less	the least
many / much	more	the most
old	older / elder	the oldest / the eldest
late	later	the latest / the last

2. Superlative form can be used without nouns.

E.g.: Their house is **the most** expensive.

EXERCISES

I. Put the adjectives in brackets in correct form:

- Mary is (pretty) _____ as her sister.
- A new house is (expensive) _____ than an old one.
- Nobody is (happy) _____ than Miss Snow.
- John is much (strong) _____ than I thought.
- Bill is (good) _____ than you thought.
- The "Tempest" was probably the (late) _____ play Shakespeare wrote.
- The teacher speaks English (fluently) _____ than we do.
- Travelling by air or by car, which is (interesting) _____?
- Jim has (few) _____ opportunities to play tennis as I have.
- Jane is (tall) _____ of three girls.
- That house over there is (old) _____ building in the town.
- That was a delicious meal. It's one of (good) _____ I've had.
- This jacket is too small. I need a (large) _____ size.
- Petrol is twice (expensive) _____ it was a few years ago.
- It is too noisy here. Can we go somewhere (quiet) _____?
- This room is (narrow) _____ than that one.
- Betty is (clever) _____ student in my class.
- My cold is (bad) _____ today than it was yesterday.
- This piece of homework is (bad) _____ as your last one.

20. This is the (easy) _____ way to do.
21. This is the (little) _____ difficult lesson in the book.
22. My brother is three years (old) _____ than I.
23. Of the two shirts this one is (pretty) _____.
24. Of the three shirts, this one is (pretty) _____.
25. We went to the (far) _____ side of the hill.
26. We need (far) _____ help.

II. Rewrite the following sentences:

1. Bill is ten years old. Dick is twelve years old.

→ Bill is _____.

2. Nam is taller than Nga.

→ Nga is _____.

3. Hung drives more carefully than Son.

→ Son doesn't _____.

4. This car is more expensive than that one.

→ That car is _____.

5. They don't have as much money as we do.

→ They have _____.

6. My salary is high but yours is higher.

→ My salary isn't _____.

7. The Pacific Ocean is deeper than the Atlantic Ocean.

→ The Atlantic _____.

8. He plays the guitar better than I do.

→ I don't _____.

9. His house is bigger and more attractive than mine.

→ My house isn't _____.

10. Mrs. Lien doesn't speak English as fluently as Mr. Kha.

→ Mr. Kha _____.

11. Mary does more exercises on grammar than Tom does.

→ Tom doesn't _____.

12. Sarah can swim further than I can.

→ I can't _____.

13. English is the most widely used.

→ No other language is _____.

14. No other season is as hot as summer.

→ Summer is _____.

15. No one in this company drives as carefully as Mr. Jones.

→ Mr. Jones _____.

16. Sally is the cleverest student in the class.

→ Nobody _____.

17. The station was nearer than I thought.

→ The station wasn't _____.

18. The examination is easier than we expected.

→ The examination isn't _____.

19. The hotel is cheaper than we expected.

→ The hotel isn't _____.

20. It is hotter than it was yesterday.

→ Yesterday it _____.