

There are some rules to help you make comparisons in English.

1 If the adjective (describing word) is one syllable, you can add -er.

For example, small – smaller; big – bigger; nice – nicer.

2 If the adjective has two syllables, but ends in -y, you can change the end to -ier.

For example, lucky – luckier; happy – happier.

3 With other English adjectives of two syllables and more, you can't change their endings. Instead, you should use more + adjective.

For example, handsome – more handsome; beautiful – more beautiful and so on.

4 When you compare two things, use 'than'.

"She's younger **than** me."

"This exercise is **more** difficult than the last one."

5 When you want to say something is similar, use 'as – as'.

For example, "She's **as** tall **as** her brother" or "It's **as** nice today **as** it was yesterday."

6 When you want to say one thing is less than another, you can either use 'less than' or 'not as – as'.

For example, "This program is **less** interesting **than** I thought" or "This program is not **as** interesting **as** I thought."

7 Remember that some adjectives are irregular and change form when you make comparisons.

For example, good – better; bad – worse; far – further.

Use either **as ... as** or **not as ... as** in the sentences below.

Example: Ben Nevis is _____ as Mont Blanc (**not/high**).

Answer: Ben Nevis is **not as high as** Mont Blanc.

- 1) The blue car is the red car. (*fast*)
- 2) Peter is Fred. (*not/tall*)
- 3) The violin is the cello. (*not/low*)
- 4) This copy is the other one. (*bad*)
- 5) Oliver is Peter. (*optimistic*)
- 6) Today it's yesterday. (*not/windy*)
- 7) The tomato soup was the mushroom soup. (*delicious*)
- 8) Grapefruit juice is lemonade. (*not/sweet*)
- 9) Nick is Kevin. (*brave*)
- 10) Silver is gold. (*not/heavy*)

Fill in the comparison with *as ... as*.

1. John is (tall) Glen.
2. Janet is (beautiful) Jennifer.
3. You are (crazy) my sister.
4. We can run (fast) they can.
5. My mom is (not / strict) your mum.
6. Your mobile phone is (not / trendy) mine.
7. Matrix II was (not / interesting) Matrix I.
8. This yoghurt (not / taste / good) the one I bought yesterday.
9. I can do (many / press-ups) you.
10. I (not / earn / much / money) you do.