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.