# ESOL – Comparing things part 2

# 1 of 14 – Welcome

In this unit, you will learn to compare people, places and things using the formula **as + adjective + as**.

By the end of this unit you will be able to:

* Compare two things and say if they are the same or not

# 2 of 14 – Comparative adjectives

One way to compare things in English is to use adjectives.

An adjective is a word that describes a noun:

an **expensive** (adjective) **phone** (noun)

If we want to compare two or more things, then we can use this formula:

This **phone**(noun) is **more expensive**(adjective) than that one (noun).

That p**hone**(noun) is **cheaper**(adjective) than this one (noun).

# 3 of 14 – Comparative adjectives plenary – part 1

If we want to say that two things are the same, we can use ‘the same as’:

This **phone**(noun) **is the same as** (comparative adjective) that **one**(noun)**.**

And if we want to say that two things arenot the same:

This **phone**(noun) **is not the same as** (comparative adjective) that **one**(noun).

There is another way to say that two things have the same qualities:

This phone is as expensive as that one.

They are the same price

This phone is as cheap as that one.

They are the same price

We us **comparative adjective ‘is as’ plus adjective plus comparative adjective ‘as’**

Say that things are not the same is very common in English:

This **phone**(noun) **is not as** (comparative adjective) **expensive** (adjective) **as** (comparative adjective) that **one**(noun).

they are not the same price

We use comparative adjective **is not as + adjective + comparative adjective as**

# 4 of 14 – Comparative as + as plenary

So if things are **the same**, we use:

**Is as**(comparative adjective) **+ adjective**(adjective) **+ as**(comparative adjective)

This **phone**(noun) **is as**(comparative adjective) **expensive as**(comparative adjective)that **one**(noun)**.**

And if things are not the same**,** we use:

**Is not as**(comparative adjective) **+ adjective**(adjective) **+ as**(comparative adjective)

This **phone**(noun) **is not as**(comparative adjective) **expensive**(adjective) **as** (comparative adjective) that **one**(noun).

​5 of 14 – Comparing

It is easy for learners to make mistakes when they compare things.

It’s as ~~colder~~ cold as yesterday.

It not as ~~easier~~ easy as the last question.

It’s as expensive ~~than~~ as that one.

It’s not as cold ~~than~~ as yesterday.

Look at the these expressions. They tell us that these words are ‘fixed’.

**It’s the same** as that.

**It’s not the same as** that.

**It’s as good as** that.

**It’s not as good as** that.

# 6 of 14 – Comparative adjectives plenary

Let’s look at two of the ways to compare again:

This **phone**(noun) **is** (comparative adjective) **more expensive**(adjective) **than**(comparative adjective)that **one**(noun)**.**

This **phone**(noun) **is not as** (comparative adjective) **expensive**(adjective) **as**(comparative adjective) that **one**(noun)**.**

**=** they are not the same

That **phone**(noun) **is** (comparative adjective) **cheaper**(adjective) **than**(comparative adjective)this **one**(noun)**.**

This **phone**(noun) **is not as** (comparative adjective) **cheap**(adjective) **as**(comparative adjective)that **one**(noun)**.**

**=** they are not the same

# 7 of 14 – Question 1

Take a look at the sentences below. Which are grammatically correct?

1. My daughter is as old as my son.
2. Her phone is not as good than mine.
3. The weather’s not as nice as yesterday.
4. The new James Bond film is as good than the last one.
5. People in the UK don’t eat late as people in Spain.
6. Birmingham is not as big as London.
7. This soup tastes the same as the more expensive one.
8. This soup tastes the same than the more expensive one.

The correct answers are:

**1. My daughter is as old as my son. (CORRECT)**

2. Her phone is not as good than mine. (INCORRECT)

We need to say ‘not as good as’.

**3. The weather’s not as nice as yesterday. (CORRECT)**

4. The new James Bond film is as good than the last one. (INCORRECT)

We need to say ‘as good as’.

5. People in the UK don’t eat late as people in Spain. (INCORRECT)

We need to say ‘as late as’.

**6. Birmingham is not as big as London. (CORRECT)**

**7. This soup tastes the same as the more expensive one. (CORRECT)**

8. This soup tastes the same than the more expensive one. (INCORRECT)

We need to say ‘the same as’.

# 8 of 14 – Question 2

Using the words below complete the sentence. Consider the formula **as + adjective + as**.

Name something that is as fast as a cheetah.

* a tree
* a car
* a fox
* a bar of chocolate
* a mouse
* a stream
* a turtle a fax machine

The correct answer is:

**A car is as fast as a cheetah. The other things are all too slow to move as fast as a cheetah.**

# 9 of 14 – Question 3

Using the words below complete the sentence.

Name something that is not as modern as a smartphone.

* a tree
* a car
* a fox
* a bar of chocolate
* a mouse
* a stream
* a turtle a fax machine

The correct answer is:

**A fax machine is not as modern as a smartphone. The fax machine is the only other piece of technology on this list.**

# 10 of 14 – Question 4

Using the words below complete the sentence. Consider the formula **as + adjective + as**.

Name something that is as wet as an ocean.

* a tree
* a car
* a fox
* a bar of chocolate
* a mouse
* a stream
* a turtle a fax machine

The correct answer is:

**A stream is as wet as an ocean. They are both made of water.**

# 11 of 14 – Question 5

Using the words below complete the sentence. Consider the formula **as + adjective + as**.

Name something that is as tasty as an ice-cream

* a tree
* a car
* a fox
* a bar of chocolate
* a mouse
* a stream
* a turtle a fax machine

The correct answer is:

**A bar of chocolate is as tasty as an ice cream. Of all the items in the list, they are the two you would most like to eat!**

# 12 of 14 – Question 6

Using the words below complete the sentence. Consider the formula **as + adjective + as**.

Name something that can be as tall as a house.

* a tree
* a car
* a fox
* a bar of chocolate
* a mouse
* a stream
* a turtle a fax machine

The correct answer is:

**A tree can be as tall as a house. It is the only item on this list that can be as big as a house.**

# 13 of 14 – Question 7

Let’s practise some of the different ways of comparing things.

Take a look at the sentence endings and match them to the correct sentence beginnings.

1. They’re …

2. She’s my twin sister. She’s as old …

3. That’s my daughter. She’s older …

4. Is it only 9.30. It’s not …

5. Who is the …

6. Yesterday was …

7. I’ll buy that one. It’s not …

8. The bus comes …

9. You carry this one. …

10. I like this colour. …

* **as late as I thought.**
* **youngest in our class?**
* **the hottest day of the year so far.**
* **the same price. They’re both £20.**
* **It’s not as heavy as this one.**
* **It’s not as dark as the green one.**
* **as expensive as the other one.**
* **as me.**
* **than her brother.**
* **later and later every day.**

The correct answers are:

1. They’re **the same price. They’re both £20.**

2. She’s my twin sister. She’s as old **as me.**

3. That’s my daughter. She’s older **than her brother.**

4. Is it only 9.30. It’s not **as late as I thought.**

5. Who is the **youngest in our class?**

6. Yesterday was **the hottest day of the year so far.**

7. I’ll buy that one. It’s not **as expensive as the other one.**

8. The bus comes **later and later every day.**

9. You carry this one. **It’s not as heavy as this one.**

10. I like this colour. **It’s not as dark as the green one.**

# 14 of 14 – End

Well done. You have completed this session on comparing things using the formula **as + adjective + as**.

You should now:

* Be able to compare two things and say if they are the same or not

If you have any questions about anything covered in this session, please speak to your tutor for more help.