

# 5 Adjectives / Adverbs / Comparisons

## Type of Comparisons

● as ... (positive degree) ... as not so/as ... (positive degree) ... as such a(n)/so ...as	For hair <b>as soft as</b> silk try this new shampoo. The service <b>isn't as good as</b> it used to be. It's <b>not such a</b> long way as we thought.
● twice/three times etc/half as ... (positive degree) ... as	She earns <b>twice as much as</b> me. She's only <b>half as well-qualified as</b> her sister.
● the same as	The Orion costs <b>the same as</b> the Golf.
● look, sound, smell, taste + like	That <b>sounds like</b> a good idea.
● less ... (positive degree) ... than the least ... (positive degree) ... of/in	I have <b>less free time than</b> Cathy but Laura has <b>the least free time of all</b> .
● the + comparative ..., the + comparative	<b>The busier</b> the roads are, <b>the longer</b> it will take to get there. <b>The less</b> you sleep, <b>the more</b> tired you get.
● comparative + and + comparative	Jobs are getting <b>harder and harder</b> to find.
● prefer + -ing form or noun + to + -ing form or noun (general preference)	She <b>prefers living</b> for the moment <b>to thinking</b> about the future. Most people <b>prefer summer to winter</b> .
● would prefer + to-inf + rather than + inf without to (specific preference)	I <b>would prefer to book</b> our tickets now <b>rather than wait</b> until the last minute.
● would rather/sooner + inf without to + than + inf without to	He'd <b>sooner go</b> alone <b>than go</b> with Edward.
● clause + whereas/while + clause (comparison by contrast)	Carole enjoys adventure <b>while/whereas</b> her sister prefers peace and quiet.

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Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

- Wouldn't you prefer to get a takeaway rather than have to cook tonight?  
**sooner** Wouldn't you ...**sooner get a takeaway than**... have to cook tonight?
- If we stay longer, we can spend more time sightseeing.  
**the** The ..... time we can spend sightseeing.
- I'd rather go home than go to the cinema.  
**than** I'd prefer ..... go to the cinema.
- In some countries men and women are paid the same.  
**as** In some countries women ..... men.
- Crisps are not as nutritious as nuts.  
**less** Crisps ..... nuts.
- No other job is as well-paid.  
**best** It ..... job.
- John and I have received the same number of job offers.  
**many** I have received ..... John.
- Last night I felt more tired than ever.  
**as** I have ..... I did last night.
- Tony finds history easier than geography.  
**not** Geography ..... history for Tony.
- As he gets older, he becomes less tolerant.  
**the** The ..... tolerant he becomes.



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- 11 I love going to football matches but my sister prefers going to tennis tournaments.  
**whereas** I love going to football matches ..... to tennis tournaments.
- 12 Helen had twice as much work as Janet.  
**half** Janet had ..... Helen.
- 13 I like being self-employed. It's better than working for someone else.  
**to** I prefer ..... for someone else.
- 14 My grandfather is getting less and less patient as he gets older.  
**impatient** My grandfather is getting ..... as he gets older.
- 15 Laura is a less sensitive girl than her sister.  
**such** Laura isn't ..... her sister.
- 16 Airships are not as dangerous as they used to be.  
**than** Airships ..... they used to be.
- 17 My father is spending less time at the office now he's nearing retirement.  
**as** My father is ..... at the office now that he's nearing retirement.
- 18 Martha and Julie have the same views.  
**as** Martha's views ..... Julie's.
- 19 I think I would prefer to leave rather than wait until he comes.  
**sooner** I think I ..... until he comes.
- 20 If we climb higher, the view will be better.  
**the** The ..... the view will be.

### Like is used

- for similarities.  
*He works **like** a mule. (He isn't a mule.)*
- after **feel, look, smell, sound + noun**.  
*She looks **like** her mother.  
 It smells **like** burnt toast.*
- with nouns, pronouns or the -ing form to express similarity.  
*Frogs' legs are supposed to taste just **like** chicken.  
 Is that your Mum? You look **like** her.  
 It's **like** walking on air.*

### As is used

- to say what sb or sth really is (jobs or roles)  
*He works **as** a dentist. (He's a dentist.)*
- in certain expressions: **as usual, as...as, as much, such as, the same as**.  
*She was late **as** usual.*
- after: **accept, be known, class, describe, refer to, regard, use**.  
*He's **regarded as** an expert on computers.*
- in clauses of manner to mean "in the way that".  
*We must write the essay **as** they have shown us.*

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### Fill in as or like.

- 1 ...**As**... you mentioned, they are ..... two peas in a pod. Jack looks exactly ..... his twin brother Jim. They even have the same personality ..... each other.
- 2 Ugh! This soup tastes just ..... water. Didn't you make it ..... I told you?
- 3 He treats his friends ..... dirt. I detest people behaving ..... that. He should treat people ..... he'd like to be treated himself.
- 4 ..... he didn't know what his relations looked ....., they sent him a photo so he would recognize them at the airport.
- 5 I have been working ..... a tour guide for two years now, but I don't really regard it ..... a serious career. It's time to do something different. I might even go back to college ..... my sister has done.
- 6 ..... usual it looks ..... if it's going to rain. It's no wonder Lancashire is described ..... the wettest county in Britain.
- 7 He drinks ..... a fish and smokes ..... a chimney and, ..... we all keep telling him, he won't live long.
- 8 ..... much ..... I admire his work, I don't think he deserves to be known ..... the greatest novelist of the century.