

Activity Type

Reading and writing exercises

Focus

Comparative adjectives
as + adjective + as

Aim

To practice comparative adjectives and the 'as + adjective + as' comparative structure.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is a comparatives worksheet to help students practice comparative adjectives and the 'as + adjective + as' comparative structure.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin with a gap-fill exercise where they complete sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1. larger | 5. funnier | 9. more dangerous |
| 2. shorter | 6. more exciting | 10. angrier |
| 3. more boring | 7. more adventurous | 11. healthier |
| 4. livelier | 8. easier | 12. further |

Next, the students choose the correct answers in a set of comparative sentences.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. more powerful | 5. more polluted | 9. more curious |
| 2. shinier | 6. more crowded | 10. more comfortable |
| 3. younger | 7. worse | 11. stronger |
| 4. tamer | 8. sillier | 12. better |

Students then move on to practice the 'as + adjective + as' comparative structure by writing negative comparative sentences that have the same meaning as the sentences shown.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. Mariah isn't as famous as Beyonce.
2. I'm not as lucky as my mother.
3. Dogs aren't as energetic as puppies.
4. He isn't as lazy as his cousin.
5. The other film isn't as strange as this one.
6. Cows aren't as clean as pigs.
7. Dandelions aren't as pretty as daisies.
8. Lawyers aren't as friendly as teachers.
9. My sister isn't as clumsy as me.
10. His dog isn't as obedient as mine.
11. Brad Pitt isn't as rich as Bill Gates.
12. Jakarta isn't as colourful as Moscow.

Next, use the example to demonstrate the possible 'as + adjective + as' comparative sentences students can make, e.g. Rome isn't as modern as Shanghai. Shanghai is as modern as Rome, etc. Then, have the students write sentences, giving their opinion. When the students have finished, check their sentences as a class.

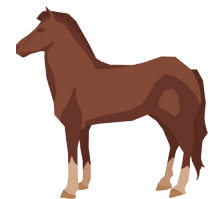
Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

A. Complete each sentence with the comparative form of the adjective in brackets.

1. The Earth is (large) than the Moon.
2. Dani deVito is (short) than Arnold Shwarzenegger.
3. History is (boring) than physics.
4. Barcelona is (lively) than Madrid.
5. Mr Bean is (funny) than Homer Simpson.
6. Roller Coasters are (exciting) than studying.
7. James Bond is (adventurous) than Batman.
8. Glasses are (easy) to break than phones.
9. Hippos are (dangerous) than lions.
10. The Hulk is (angry) than Donald Duck.
11. Vegetables are (healthy) for you than hamburgers.
12. Russia is (far) from England than France.

**B. Choose the correct answer.**

1. Cars are *more powerful* / *powerfuler* than horses.
2. Silver jewelry is *more shiny* / *shinier* than gold jewelry.
3. Both my brothers are *younger* / *more young* than me.
4. Cats and dogs are *tamer* / *more tame* than lions and wolves.
5. The city of Santiago is *more polluted* / *most polluted* than Rio.
6. India is *most crowded* / *more crowded* than Wales.
7. The flu is *worse* / *more bad* than the common cold.
8. Clowns are *more silly* / *sillier* than magicians.
9. Children are *more curious* / *curiouser* than adults.
10. Trainers are *comfortabler* / *more comfortable* than high heels.
11. Rugby players are *stronger* / *strongier* than football players.
12. Watching films at the cinema is *better* / *more good* than watching films at home.



C. Write negative comparative sentences that have the same meaning using 'as + adjective + as'.

1. Beyonce is more famous than Mariah. *Mariah isn't as famous as Beyonce.*
2. My mother is luckier than I am.
3. Puppies are more energetic than dogs.
4. His cousin is lazier than he is.
5. This film is stranger than the other one.
6. Pigs are cleaner than cows.
7. Daisies are prettier than dandelions.
8. Teachers are friendlier than lawyers.
9. I am clumsier than my sister.
10. His dog is less obedient than mine.
11. Bill Gates is richer than Brad Pitt.
12. Moscow is more colourful than Jakarta.

D. Write positive or negative comparative sentences with 'as + adjective + as', giving your opinion. You can change the order of the nouns if you wish.

1. Rome / modern / Shanghai *Rome isn't as modern as Shanghai.*
2. Kittens / adorable / puppies
3. Einstein / intelligent / Newton
4. The moon / bright / the sun
5. Oceans / calm / seas
6. Spiders / scary / snakes
7. Spinach / tasty / ice-cream
8. Housework / boring / homework
9. Ballerinas / graceful / gymnasts
10. Frogs / charming / princes
11. Cities / smoggy / countryside
12. Korean / difficult / Spanish