***As* … *as***

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**We use *as +* adjective/adverb *+ as* to make comparisons when the things we are comparing are equal in some way:**

*The world’s biggest bull is as big as a small elephant.*

*The weather this summer is as bad as last year. It hasn’t stopped raining for weeks.*

*You have to unwrap it as carefully as you can. It’s quite fragile.*

See also:

* [Comparison: adjectives (*bigger*, *biggest*, *more interesting*)](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/comparison-adjectives-bigger-biggest-more-interesting)

***Not as* … as**

**We use *not as … as* to make comparisons between things, which aren’t equal:**

*It’s not as heavy as I thought it would be, actually.*

*Rory hasn’t grown as tall as Tommy yet.*

*She’s not singing as loudly as she can.*

*They didn’t play as well as they usually do.*

We can modify *not* *as … as* by using *not quite as* or *not nearly as*:

*The second race was not quite as easy as the first one.* (The second race was easy but the first one was easier.)

*These new shoes are not nearly as comfortable as my old ones.* (My old shoes are a lot more comfortable than these new shoes.)

We can also use *not so … as. Not so … as* is less common than *not as … as*:

*The cycling was good but not so hard as the cross country skiing we did.*

***As … as* + possibility**

**We often use expressions of possibility or ability after *as … as*:**

*Can you come as soon as possible?*

*Go to as many places as you can.*

*We got here as fast as we could.*

***As much as*, *as many as***

**When we want to make comparisons referring to quantity, we use *as much as* with uncountable nouns and *as many as* with plural nouns:**

*Greg makes as much money as Mick but not as much as Neil.*

*They try to give them as much freedom as they can.*

*There weren’t as many people there as I expected.*

We can use *as much as* and *as many as* before a number to refer to a large number of something:

*Scientists have discovered a planet, which weighs as much as 2,500 times the weight of Earth.*

*There were as many as 50 people crowded into the tiny room.*

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