

(1) Making comparisons

(2) Today, my student said:

It's easier **as** setting it upright.

SO I SAID

You mean, easier **than** setting it upright.

SO HE SAID:

WHY?!

(3) SO let's look at the ways to make COMPARISONS

(4) Firstly, compare TWO THINGS that are THE SAME:

use **as + adjective + as**

For example:

Cooking spaghetti is **as easy as** frying eggs.

— both equally the same.

Physics is **as complex as** chemistry.

Going to Florida takes **as long as** going to Montana.

Your kids are **as crazy as** mine.

(5) Next, compare **TWO THINGS** that are **DIFFERENT**:

use **comparative adjective + than**

What is a comparative adjective?

You can form it by

adding **-er** to words of 1 or 2 syllables

or add **“more”** before longer words.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Words that are 1-2 syllables, like *crazy*, *hard*, and *long*

turn it to: ***crazier, harder, longer***

Or, if it's more syllables, with words like *complicated* or *appetizing*

you add “more”: ***more complicated, more appetizing***

Let's see an example:

Cooking lasagna is **harder than**
than frying eggs.

Physics is **more complicated than**
algebra.

Going to Florida takes **longer**
than going Michigan.

Your kids are **crazier than** mine.

(6) Another form of comparing, is to compare one thing as standing out above the rest with the superlative adjectives.

So, to form SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

you add **-EST** to words of 1-2 syllables

or **“MOST”** before longer words.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Words that are 1-2 syllables, like *crazy*, *hard*, and *long*

become: ***craziest, hardest, longest***

Or, if it's more syllables, with words like *difficult* or *appetizing*

you add “more”: ***the most difficult, the most appetizing***

Cabbage rolls are the **hardest** food to prepare.

Organic chemistry is **the most** difficult subject I studied.

My children are **craziest** after eating ice-cream.

Her crunchy sushi rolls are the **most appetizing** side dish I've tasted.

(3) SO remember the different ways to make COMPARISONS

*Compare two things
that are the same:
as + adjective + as*

Learning English is **as hard as**
learning any other language.

My students are **as dedicated**
as athletes.

*Compare two things
that are different:
comparative adjective + than*

Learning English is **harder**
than than frying eggs.

Comparing words is **more**
complicated than I thought.

*Compare one thing as
standing out above the rest
with the superlative
adjectives:*

Using Language Lady is **the**
easiest way to learn.

My students are the **most**
intelligent people I know.

LET'S TRY SOME PRACTICE SENTENCES:

COMPARE THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS AS BEING THE SAME:

(EXAMPLE: RABBIT, SQUIRREL, FAST - The rabbit is as fast as the squirrel.)

- (1)** PIZZA, SPAGHETTI, DELICIOUS.
- (2)** LEARNING CHINESE, LEARNING ARABIC, DIFFICULT
- (3)** ICE CREAM, POPSICLES, COLD
- (4)** YOUR NEWS, MY NEWS, SAD.

COMPARE THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS AS BEING DIFFERENT:

(EXAMPLE: RABBIT, SQUIRREL, FAST - A rabbit is faster than a squirrel.)

- (5)** MY CHILDREN, YOUR CHILDREN, LOUD
- (6)** CARS, GUNS, DANGEROUS
- (7)** ORANGES, LEMONS, SWEET

COMPARE THE FOLLOWING ITEM AS BEING ABOVE THE REST

(EXAMPLE: SUSHI, HEALTHY - Sushi is the healthiest food I know.)

- (8)** EINSTEIN, SMART
- (9)** THE BIG DIPPER, EASY TO FIND (CONSTELLATION)
- (10)** "IT", HORRIFYING (MOVIE)

ANSWERS:

(1) PIZZA, SPAGGHETTI, DELICIOUS.

Pizza is as delicious as spaghetti.

(2) LEARNING CHINESE, LEARNING ARABIC, DIFFICULT

Learning Chinese is as difficult as learning Arabic.

(3) ICE CREAM, POPSICLES, COLD

Ice-cream is as cold as popsicles.

(4) YOUR NEWS, MY NEWS, SAD.

Your news is as sad as my news.

(5) MY CHILDREN, YOUR CHILDREN, LOUD

My children are louder than your children.

(6) CARS, GUNS, DANGEROUS

*Cars are more dangerous than guns.
Guns are more dangerous than cars.
(depending on your personal opinion)*

(7) ORANGES, LEMONS, SWEET

Oranges are sweeter than lemons

(8) EINSTEIN, SMART SCIENTIST

*Einstein was the smartest scientist.
(I know that this is debatable, but we are trying to practice English here).*

(9) THE BIG DIPPER, EASY TO FIND (CONSTELLATION)

The big dipper is the easiest constellation to find.

(10) "IT", HORRIFYING (MOVIE)

"IT" is the most horrifying movie I have seen.