



Comparatives: As...As: Equal Comparisons

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- Tom is ___ his father.
a) as tall as
b) taller as
c) so tall than
d) tall as
- This test was not ___ the last one.
a) more difficult
b) difficult as
c) as difficult as
d) so difficult than
- My coffee is ___ yours. They're the same temperature.
a) so hot as
b) hot like
c) as hot as
d) hotter than
- She can run ___ her brother.
a) so fast like
b) faster
c) fast than
d) as fast as
- The blue car is ___ the red one. They cost the same.
a) as expensive as
b) expensive as
c) so expensive as
d) more expensive than
- His new flat is ___ his old one — it's actually quite small.
a) as big as
b) not as big as
c) bigger than
d) not so big than
- This hotel is ___ the one we stayed at last year. They're identical in quality.
a) just as good as
b) good as just
c) as better as
d) just more good than
- The homework is ___ I thought. It's actually quite easy.
a) not as hard as
b) not so hard than
c) harder than
d) as hard as
- This building is ___ the Eiffel Tower. It's about 300 metres.
a) as taller as
b) tall almost as
c) almost more tall than
d) almost as tall as
- My new laptop is ___ my old one — the battery dies quickly.
a) as reliable as
b) not as reliable as
c) not so reliable than
d) reliable than
- Their house is ___ ours. It has six bedrooms!
a) twice as big as
b) two times bigger
c) as big twice as
d) double big as

12. English is ___ Chinese for most European learners.
a) difficult than
b) not as difficult as
c) as difficult as
d) not so difficult than
13. He doesn't earn ___ his wife.
a) so many as
b) as much as
c) much than
d) as many than
14. The sequel was ___ the original film. It was a bit disappointing.
a) as good as
b) not quite more good than
c) not quite as good as
d) not good than
15. This fabric feels ___ silk. You can hardly tell the difference.
a) almost more soft than
b) as softer as
c) soft nearly as
d) almost as soft as
16. She doesn't have ___ her sister.
a) so many friends
b) as many friends as
c) friends more than
d) as much friends as
17. The train is ___ the bus for this route. Both take 40 minutes.
a) quicker than
b) more quick than
c) quick as
d) as quick as
18. This smartphone costs ___ a laptop these days.
a) nearly much as
b) as more as
c) almost so much than
d) almost as much as
19. Life in the countryside is ___ life in the city.
a) as stressful as
b) stressful than
c) not as stressful as
d) not so stressful than
20. This room is ___ the living room. They're exactly the same size.
a) larger than
b) large as
c) as large as
d) so large than



Answers

1. a) as tall as
2. c) as difficult as
3. c) as hot as
4. d) as fast as
5. a) as expensive as
6. b) not as big as
7. a) just as good as
8. a) not as hard as
9. d) almost as tall as
10. b) not as reliable as
11. a) twice as big as
12. b) not as difficult as
13. b) as much as
14. c) not quite as good as
15. d) almost as soft as
16. b) as many friends as
17. d) as quick as
18. d) almost as much as
19. c) not as stressful as
20. c) as large as



Explanations

1. “as tall as” (a)

We use 'as + adjective + as' to say two things are equal: as tall as. The structure requires 'as' on both sides of the adjective.

2. “as difficult as” (c)

We use 'not as + adjective + as' to say something is less than another: not as difficult as. This means the last test was harder.

3. “as hot as” (c)

When two things are equal, we use 'as + adjective + as': as hot as. 'Hotter than' would mean they are different.

4. “as fast as” (d)

'As fast as' compares two equal speeds. 'As...as' works with both adjectives and adverbs.

5. “as expensive as” (a)

When two things cost the same, we use 'as expensive as' to show equality.

6. “not as big as” (b)

'Not as big as' means the new flat is smaller. It's a softer way of saying 'smaller than'.

7. “just as good as” (a)

'Just as good as' means exactly equal. 'Just' before 'as...as' emphasises that the two things are truly equal.

8. “not as hard as” (a)

'Not as hard as I thought' means the homework is easier than expected. 'Not as...as' expresses inequality in a softer way than using a comparative.

9. “almost as tall as” (d)

'Almost as tall as' means nearly equal but slightly less. Modifiers like 'almost', 'nearly', and 'not quite' can go before 'as...as'.

10. “not as reliable as” (b)

'Not as reliable as' means the new laptop is less reliable. This is a common way to make a negative comparison.

11. “twice as big as” (a)

'Twice as big as' uses a multiplier with 'as...as' to express that something is two times the size. We can use 'twice', 'three times', 'half', etc.

12. “not as difficult as” (b)

'Not as difficult as' is a softer way of saying 'easier than'. Both are correct, but 'not as...as' is often considered more polite.

13. “as much as” (b)

'As much as' is used with uncountable nouns and amounts. 'He doesn't earn as much as his wife' means she earns more.

14. “not quite as good as” (c)

'Not quite as good as' means almost equal but slightly less. 'Not quite' is a gentle way to express a small difference.

15. “almost as soft as” (d)

'Almost as soft as' means very close to equal. 'Almost' and 'nearly' are common modifiers used before 'as...as'.

16. “as many friends as” (b)

'As many...as' is used with countable plural nouns: as many friends as. For uncountable nouns, we use 'as much...as'.

17. “as quick as” (d)

When two things take the same time, they are 'as quick as' each other. The structure needs 'as' before and after the adjective.

18. “almost as much as” (d)

'Almost as much as' compares prices that are close but not equal. The smartphone is slightly cheaper than the laptop.

19. “not as stressful as” (c)

'Not as stressful as' means the countryside is less stressful. This is equivalent to saying 'less stressful than'.

20. “as large as” (c)

When two rooms are the same size, we say one is 'as large as' the other. Both 'as' words are needed in this structure.