

## Unit 69: COMPARING TWO

Here are some ways to say that two things or people or ideas are the same or different.

### 1 When they are different

**a** We can say the same thing

AFFIRMATIVELY

or NEGATIVELY

Comparative (Unit 68) + **than**

**not as ... as**

Driving a big rig is **harder than** driving a delivery van.

= Driving a delivery van is **not as hard as** driving a big rig.

The route was **easier than** I thought.

= The route was **not as difficult as** I thought.

He should drive **more slowly than** that.

= He shouldn't drive **as quickly as** that.

He gets **more** money **than** me.

= I don't get **as much** money as him.

The meal today was **more expensive than** yesterday.

= The meal yesterday was **not as expensive as** today.

**b** Another way to say **not as ... as** is **less ... than**:

The route was **less difficult than** I thought.

I get **less** money **than** him.

**c** Sometimes, it is not necessary to use **than**:

John's English is good but Maria's is **better** (than John's).

He's looking for a job with **more** money (than he gets now).

**d** We can use **much, nearly, a little** and **quite** to show:

**a big difference**

Mornings are **much** busier than afternoons.

Afternoons aren't **nearly** as busy as mornings.

**a small difference**

Drive **a little** more slowly than that.

Don't drive **quite** as quickly as that.

### 2 When they are the same

Use **as ... as**

He drove **as fast as** he could. (He could not drive any faster.)

I'm **as tall as** you are. (We are the same height.)

Is that van **as fast as** mine? (Are they equally fast?)

To show exactly the same: I'm **just** as tall as you are.