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Unit 103 Comparison (3) - as ... as / that

a Study this example situation:

Joe, Henry and Arthur are all millionaires. They are all very rich. Joe has $5 million, Henry has $4 million and Arthur has $2 million. So:

Henry is rich.
He is richer than Arthur.
But he isn't as rich as Joe. (= Joe is richer than he is)

Here are some more examples of not as ... as:

- **Jack isn't as old as he looks.** (= he looks older than he is.)
- **The city centre wasn't as crowded this morning as it usually is.** (= it is usually more crowded)
- **Jim didn't do as well in his examination as he had hoped.** (= he had hoped to do better)
- **'The weather's better today, isn't it?' 'Yes, it's not as cold.'** (= yesterday was colder)
- **I don't know as many people as you do.** (= you know more people)

You can also say 'not so ... as' (instead of 'not as ... as'):

- **Henry isn't so rich as Joe.**

b You can also use as ... as (but not 'so ... as') in positive sentences and in questions:

- **I'm sorry I'm late. I got here as fast as I could.**
- **There's plenty of food, so eat as much as you like.**
- **Let's walk. It's just as quick as taking the bus.**
- **Can you send me the money as soon as possible, please?**

We also say twice as ... as, three times as ... as etc.

- **Petrol is twice as expensive as it was a few years ago.**
- **Their house is about three times as big as ours.**

c We say the same as (*not* 'the same like'):

- **Ann's salary is the same as mine.** (*or* Ann gets the same salary as me.)
- **Tom is the same age as George.**
- **'What would you like to drink?' 'I' have the same as last time.'**

d After than and as it is more usual to say me/him/her/them/us when there is no verb. Compare these sentences:

- **You are taller than I am.** *but*: **You are taller than me.**
- **They have more money than we have.** *but*: **They have more money than us.**
- **I can't run as fast as he can.** *but*: **I can't run as fast as him.**

b You can also use as ... as (but not 'so ... as') in positive sentences

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