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Terminales

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Lesson 22- GRAMMAR

OTHER FORMS OF COMPARING: DOUBLE, DEGREE, EQUALITY, ETC.

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you should be able to compare people, objects, situations and quantities using different structures of comparison.
En français : tu dois pouvoir exprimer l'égalité, la différence, le degré et l'évolution à l'aide de différentes structures comparatives.

1. Equality: as ... As

Use AS + adjective/adverb + AS to show that two things are equal.

- This phone is as expensive as that one. → Ce téléphone est aussi cher que celui-là.
- Paul works as quickly as John. → Paul travaille aussi rapidement que John.

Structure: AS + adjective/adverb + AS

2. Inequality: not as / so ... As

Use NOT AS ... AS or NOT SO ... AS to show that two things are not equal.

- This bag is not as expensive as that one. → Ce sac n'est pas aussi cher que celui-là.
- The old service is not as reliable as the new one. → L'ancien service n'est pas aussi fiable que le nouveau.

Structure: NOT AS / SO + adjective/adverb + AS

3. Degree of difference

Words such as MUCH, FAR, A LOT, A LITTLE and SLIGHTLY can show the degree of difference before a comparative.

- This computer is much faster than mine. → Cet ordinateur est beaucoup plus rapide que le mien.
- The new service is far better than the old one. → Le nouveau service est bien meilleur que l'ancien.
- This product is a little cheaper than that one. → Ce produit est un peu moins cher que celui-là.
- Today is slightly hotter than yesterday. → Aujourd'hui, il fait légèrement plus chaud qu'hier.

4. Double comparatives: change over time

A repeated comparative can show that something is continuously changing.

- The prices are getting higher and higher. → Les prix deviennent de plus en plus élevés.
- The service is becoming better and better. → Le service devient de mieux en mieux.
- Mobile phones are becoming more and more expensive. → Les téléphones deviennent de plus en plus chers.

Structures: comparative + AND + comparative / MORE AND MORE + adjective

5. The ... the ...: two related changes

Use THE + comparative ..., THE + comparative ... to show that one change is related to another.

- The more you practise, the better you become. → Plus tu pratiques, meilleur tu deviens.
- The more you save, the more money you have. → Plus tu économises, plus tu as d'argent.
- The cheaper the product is, the more customers may buy it. → Moins le produit est cher, plus les clients peuvent l'acheter.

Structure: THE + comparative ..., THE + comparative ...

6. Comparing quantities

- more ... than = plus de ... que → This shop has more customers than that one.
- fewer ... than = moins de ... que (countable nouns) → We have fewer chairs than they do.
- less ... than = moins de ... que (uncountable nouns) → I have less money than you.
- as much ... as = autant de ... que (uncountable) → She has as much money as her sister.
- as many ... as = autant de ... que (countable) → We have as many books as they do.

7. Quick summary

Type	Structure	Example
Equality	as + adjective + as	Ali is as tall as Paul.
Inequality	not as + adjective + as	This bag is not as heavy as that one.
Degree	much/far/a little + comparative	This car is much faster.
Progressive change	comparative + and + comparative	Prices are getting higher and higher.
Related change	the + comparative, the + comparative	The more you study, the better you perform.
Quantity	more/fewer/less/as many/as much	We have fewer books than they do.

8. Common errors

✗ She is as tall than Mary.
✓ She is as tall as Mary.

✗ This car is more faster than mine.
✓ This car is much faster than mine.

✗ Prices are more and more high.
✓ Prices are higher and higher.

✗ I have fewer money than you.
✓ I have less money than you.

✗ We have less students than them.
✓ We have fewer students than them.

9. Practice exercise

Complete the sentences with the appropriate comparison form.

1. This phone is _____ expensive _____ that one. (equality)
2. The new computer is _____ faster than the old one. (strong degree)
3. Prices are getting _____ and _____. (high)
4. The _____ you practise, the _____ you become. (much / good)
5. Our class has _____ students than theirs. (small number)
6. I have _____ money than my brother. (small quantity)

Remember

AS ... AS = EQUALITY • MUCH/FAR/A LITTLE + COMPARATIVE = DEGREE • HIGHER AND HIGHER = CONTINUOUS CHANGE • THE MORE ..., THE BETTER ... = RELATED CHANGES • FEWER = COUNTABLE • LESS = UNCOUNTABLE

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