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| **Comparatives and Superlatives: Negatives and Opposites** |
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| **FORM:** | **Noun + verb + as + adjective / adverb + as… *becomes*****Noun + negated verb + as + opposite adjective + as** |
| **USE:** | To use this structure, use **“not”** to make the verb negative, and then use an adjective with the opposite meaning of your original adjective. Compare your opposite base adjective by using the **“as ... as”** form. By negating the verb, you will show that the adjective does not in fact apply to the person or thing it is modifying. **“Quite”** and **“nearly”** are common modifiers you can add after the negated verb. |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *That Doberman is friendly. She is not as mean as she looks.* *She is younger than I thought. She isn’t as old as I thought.**Ted is 20. Tina is 21. Ted isn’t quite as old as Tina* |

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|  *Re-write these sentences so that they have the same meaning.* |

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| 1. | The condo is larger than we imagined. It is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2. | The car was more expensive than they had told us. It wasn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3. | I am happier now than before. I am not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4. | He is more handsome in person than in his photos. He is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 5. | The weather there is hotter than it is here. It is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 6. | The interview was easier than we expected. The interview wasn’t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |

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| *Write two sentences for each word below, similar to the ones given above. Write one using the comparative and the other using the AS....AS comparative form.* |

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| 2. | heavier | 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3. | funnier | 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |