

It looks **as stylish as** a normal sports car and it's **as fast**.
It's a bit more expensive, but this car is **100% electric**, so
it's a lot more ecological and it's much cheaper to run. So
being green when you drive doesn't have to be **as difficult**
as you thought – and it can be much more fun.



Presentation

as ... as

Use *as ... as* to compare two things and say that they are similar.

It's **as fast as** a normal sports car. (= Sports cars are fast. This car is equally fast.)

Use *not as ... as* to compare two things and say that one has less of a certain quality than the other:

It **isn't as expensive as** a normal car. (= It's cheaper)

Comparative modifiers

Use modifiers to say there is a big difference or a small difference between the things we are comparing:

- big difference:
*This car is **a lot / much** faster than other cars.*
- small difference:
*This car is **a bit / a little** more expensive than other cars.*

Exercises

1 Put the words in order. Start with the phrase which is underlined.

Old-fashioned style or new tech comfort? Which camper van do you prefer?



1 popular as the new model isn't the original model as

2 stylish not the new van as is

3 it's as comfortable sleep to in

4 not expensive as the new model is

5 the new one the old one big as as is





2 Complete these sentences with *is/isn't as ... as* and the adjective in brackets.

- bus (\$40) train (\$40)
The train is as expensive as the bus. (expensive)
- January (10 degrees) August (18 degrees):
The weather in January isn't as hot as August. (hot)
- plane (☺☺) train (☺☺):
The plane is more comfortable than the train. (comfortable)
- bike (no fuel) car (fuel):
A bike is cheaper than a car to run. (expensive)
- bike (30 minutes) bus (30 minutes)
The journey on a bike is faster than a bus (fast)
- car (5 passengers) van (10 passengers)
A car is smaller than a van. (big)

3 Write complete sentences with comparative forms and modifiers.

- My new car / lot / fast / than my old car. My new car is a lot faster than my old car.
- Finland / much / cold / Italy.
- This coat / little / warm / than that one.
- Shopping online / often / bit / cheap.
- At the weekend, traffic / much / good / in the city centre.
- This lesson / lot / interesting / than the last one.

4 Look at the table and underline the correct comparative modifier.

| Top three honeymoon destinations of the month | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| | New York | The Maldives | Finland |
|  |  |  |  |
| Price | \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ | \$\$\$\$ | \$\$ |
| Length of stay | 5 days | 10 days | 2 weeks |
| Weather | ☀☀ | ☀☀☀☀ | ☀ |
| Excitement | ☺ | ☺☺ | ☺☺☺☺ |
| Romance | ♥♥♥♥ | ♥♥♥♥♥♥ | ♥♥♥ |

- The weather in New York is *a bit* / *a lot* better than in Finland.
- The weather in the Maldives is *a little* / *much* better than in Finland.
- Finland is *a bit* / *much* more exciting than New York.
- New York is *a little* / *a lot* less exciting than the Maldives.
- The Maldives is *a lot* / *a bit* more romantic than Finland.
- Finland is *much* / *a little* less romantic than New York.