32 *not as ... as, the same (... as)*

1 *not as* + adjective + *as*

We use *not as ... as* to say that one thing is less difficult, interesting, expensive, etc. than another thing:

The blue jeans are £75. *The white jeans are £40.*	*The blue jeans aren't as* **cheap as** *the white jeans.* *The white jeans aren't as* **expensive as** *the blue jeans.*

Compare these examples. They have the same meaning:
Paris ***isn't as big as*** *London.* = *London* ***is bigger than*** *Paris.*
Spanish ***isn't as difficult as*** *Arabic.* = *Arabic* ***is more difficult than*** *Spanish.*

bigger, smaller, more difficult, less easy, etc. ➤ Units 29 and 30

2 *the same* + noun (+ *as*)

We use *the same ... as* to compare two things that are equal:
The black jeans are ***the same price as*** *the blue ones.*
My mobile phone is ***the same type as*** *yours.*

We use nouns after *the same* (... *as*), not adjectives:
✗ ~~*The jeans are the same expensive.*~~
✓ *The jeans are* ***the same price.***

We can also say *the same as* + *mine, yours, this one, that one,* etc:
Jane's car is ***the same as mine.*** *We both have Toyotas.*
This bicycle is exactly ***the same as that one.***

3 *as* + adverb + *as*

We can also use *not as* + adverb + *as*:
I don't wear jeans ***as often as*** *Ben.*
Danny doesn't play ***as well as*** *Boris.*

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