

Grammar Unit 8 part II

Making comparisons:

- *Fewer*: use it with countable nouns (*There are fewer apples than we thought*).
- *Less*: use it with uncountable nouns (*There is less milk than expected*).

Things that are/aren't the same:

- *As...as*: *You are as tall as your sister*.
- *Not as... as*: *You are not as tall as your sister*. (Meaning: your sister is taller than you).
- *Not so... as*: *The bed was not so comfortable as his own*. (Use it only in the negative form, not in affirmative!). This form is not as used as the previous one.
- *Not the same... as*: use it to compare nouns. *This coat doesn't feel the same as the previous one*.

Double comparatives:

- Use *the same comparative twice* to talk about continuing changes:
My cat is becoming bigger and bigger. The book is getting more and more interesting.

The + (comparative), the + (comparative):

- Use it when two things are related:
The faster you run, the more tired you'll feel.
The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog. (Quote by Mark Twain).

Modifying comparisons:

- Words and expressions to modify basic comparatives: *slightly, a bit, a lot, a great deal, much, far, twice/three times...*
This flower is slightly more beautiful than that one.
It was a great deal harder than I thought.
- Words and expressions to modify superlatives: *by far, easily, by a long way.*
- Words and expressions to modify (not) as... as: *quite, nearly, almost, just, twice/three times, nowhere near, nothing like.*
The match was not quite as interesting as we had thought.
They are not nearly as nice as they look.