Comparative of Equality and Inferiority

1. Comparatives of equality :

A. Comparative of positive equality: When we compare two subjects that are equal, we use S1+ is/am/are +as + adjective + as S2.

E.g. **a-** Your house is big. **b-**Your neighbor's house is big too.

→Your house is as big as your neighbor's house.
S1 *adj* *S2*

E.g. This exercise is as difficult as the one we did yesterday.

A. Comparative of negative equality (inequality): When we compare two subjects that are not equal we use S1+ is/am/are + not as + adjective + as S2.

E.g. **a-** The Thames is large **b-** The Nile not large.

→The Thames is not as/so long as the Nile. (= The Nile is longer than the Thames).

2. Comparatives of inferiority:

When we compare two subjects that are not equal and one is inferior to another**,** we use less + adjective + than with all adjectives.

E.g. **a-** A sandwich costs 300DA in a restaurant. **b-**A meal costs 1000DA in a restaurant.

→A sandwich is less expensive than a meal in a restaurant.

3. Comparative of superiority:

When we compare two subjects that are not equal and one is superior to another, we use more + adjective + than with all adjectives.

E.g. **a-** A sandwich costs 300DA in a restaurant. **b-**A meal costs 1000DA in a restaurant.

→A sandwich is more expensive than a meal in a restaurant.

Activity 01: Complete the following sentences with a comparative of equality/ inequality:

- Sally is (not elegant) ……. Rym.→ Sally is not as elegant as Rym.
- We moved to a house which is (big) ……. The old one.
- Are you (afraid) ……. Of snakes than of dogs?
- The great Mosque is (not big) …….El Masjid El Haram.
- We can't be (funny) …… Gad Elmaleh.
- I'm (not sensitive) ……. When I was 14 years old.

Activity 02: Complete with a comparative of inferiority/ superiority:

a- My mom is 46 years old. b- My dad is 44 years old.
→My mom is not more old than my dad.

a- Bordj Khalifa is 828m high. b- Pizza Tower is 55.8 high.
→ Pizza Tower is ……

a- My house is 2km far from school. b- My friend's house is 7km far from school.
→ My friend's house is ……

a- I brought a bag of tomato which weights 3kilo and a bag of apples which weights 1kilo.
→ The bag of apples is …… (heavy)