


SPANISH COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES

Quick Guide & Production Practice

1. THE SUMMARY — How to Compare in Spanish

Use this cheat sheet to build your sentences. **Pay close attention to the formulas!**

Type of Comparison	Formula	Example in Context
Inequality (More / Less)	más / menos + adj/adv/noun + que	<i>Ella corre más rápido que tú.</i> (She runs faster than you.)
Numbers (More / Less than)	más / menos de + number	<i>Me dio más de cien dólares.</i> (He gave me more than \$100.)
Equality — Adj/Adv	tan + adj/adv + como	<i>Mi casa es tan grande como la tuya.</i> (My house is as big as yours.)
Equality — Nouns	tanto/a/os/as + noun + como	<i>Tengo tanto dinero como tú.</i> (I have as much money as you.)
Equality — Verbs	Verb + tanto como	<i>Trabajo tanto como mi jefe.</i> (I work as much as my boss.)
Superlatives (The most / least)	el/la/los/las + noun + más/menos + adj	<i>Las ciencias son las más útiles.</i> (Science is the most useful.)

 **IMPORTANT** — When using **tanto** with nouns, it **must agree in gender and number** with the noun (e.g. **tantas plumas**). **Tan** and **tanto como** (after a verb) never change!

2. IRREGULAR COMPARATIVES — Memorize these!

Never say "**más bueno**" or "**más malo**" in Spanish! Use these special forms instead.

English	Spanish Irregular	Example
Better	mejor	<i>Este restaurante es mejor que el otro.</i>
Worse	peor	<i>La comida allí es peor que aquí.</i>
Older	mayor	<i>Mi amiga es mayor que yo.</i>
Younger	menor	<i>Lorena es menor que Lidia.</i>



WRITTEN PRODUCTION EXERCISES

No gap-fill. No multiple choice. Create every sentence from scratch.



EXERCISE A · The T-Chart Challenge

Write one **"más... que"** and one **"menos... que"** sentence for each row. Check adjective gender/number agreement!

Compare + Adjective	más... que ✓	menos... que ✓
1. Perros / Gatos <i>(simpático/a)</i>	_____	_____
2. Libros / Películas <i>(interesante)</i>	_____	_____
3. Bicicleta / Monopatín <i>(grande)</i>	_____	_____
4. Ciudad / Pueblo <i>(ruidoso/a)</i>	_____	_____



EXERCISE B · The Tan / Tanto Puzzle

Fill in the blanks with **tan**, **tanto**, **tanta**, **tantos** or **tantas**.

1. Él tiene _____ *(He has as much patience as she does)*
2. Este libro es _____ *(This book is as interesting as the movie)*
3. Hay _____ *(There are as many chairs as tables)*
4. Mis alumnos aprenden _____ *(My students learn as much as your students)*
5. Ella tiene _____ *(She has as much experience as her boss)*

 EXERCISE C · Real-Life Application



Write **4 complete sentences** in Spanish comparing people in your real life — family, friends, coworkers.

You must include all of these:

- At least one irregular comparative (*mejor, peor, mayor, menor*)
- At least one superlative (*el/la más...*)
- At least one *tan/tanto... como* equality sentence

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

 BONUS · Top 3 Mistakes to Avoid

 Wrong	 Correct	Why?
<i>"más bueno que"</i>	<i>"mejor que"</i>	<i>bueno/malo/grande/pequeño have special irregular forms</i>
<i>"tan dinero como"</i>	<i>"tanto dinero como"</i>	<i>Use tanto/a/os/as (not tan) with nouns</i>
<i>"más de que veinte"</i>	<i>"más de veinte"</i>	<i>Before numbers always use "de", never "que"</i>



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