

Las comparaciones

Comparisons

To make comparisons in Spanish,
follow this formula:

+ **más** (more) + **adjective** + **que** + other noun
- **menos** (less)

+ Soy **más alto que** mi hermano.
I am taller than my brother.
- María es **menos generosa que** tú.
María is less generous than you.

To express the idea that two nouns
are the same, follow this formula:

= **tan** (as) + **adjective** + **como** + other noun

= Nosotros somos **tan inteligentes como** uds.
We are as intelligent as you (all).

In both of these formulas, the adjective agrees with the first noun in the comparison.

Certain adjectives have **irregular** comparative forms:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> bueno (<i>good</i>) | mejor (<i>better</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> malo (<i>bad</i>) | peor (<i>worse</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> viejo (<i>old</i>) | mayor (<i>older</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> joven (<i>young</i>) | menor (<i>younger</i>) |

When comparing equal quantities, this formula is used:

tanto(as) + noun + como + other noun

Tengo **tantas tareas como tú.**

*I have **as much homework as you.***

Juan no tiene **tanta paciencia como nosotros.**

*Juan doesn't have **as much patience as we do.***

The Superlative Form

To say that someone or something is the "most" or "least" in a comparison, the superlative form is used. Follow this formula:

definite article + **(noun)** + **más** + **adjective** + **de**
(el, la, los, las) optional **menos**

Superlative Examples

- Yo soy **el estudiante más inteligente** de la clase.
I am the most intelligent student in the class.
- Juan es **el chico menos fuerte** de la escuela.
Juan is the least strongest boy in school.

Mejor, peor, mayor, and **menor** are also used in a superlative construction:

- Bob Esponja es **el mejor cocinero de Cangrebürger** de Fondo de Biquini.
Sponge Bob is the best Crabby Patty cook in Bikini Bottom.

The Ultimate Superlative -"ísimo"

To say that a noun is the "ultimate" or best of its kind, add **ísimo, ísima, ísimos, ísimas** to the end of an adjective.

- El español es una clase **buenísima**.
Spanish is an extremely good (great) class.
- Helga es una chica **feísima**.
Helga is an extremely ugly girl.

How to Use "ísimo".....

To spell this correctly, drop the last vowel from the adjective before adding the form of "ísimo".

hermoso ----> hermos ----> hermosísimo

This translates to very, very very, really, or extremely in English.
