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## ENGLISH GRAMMAR

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TRANSFORMATION OF SENTENCES

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Change the Degree of Comparison in the following sentences without altering the sense:-

1. **A horse is more intelligent than an ass.** (Comparative)  
An ass is not as intelligent as a horse. (Positive)
2. **A wise enemy is better than a foolish friend.** (Comparative)  
A foolish friend is not as good as a wise enemy. (Positive)
3. **Mumbai is the best sea-port in India.** (Superlative)  
Mumbai is better than any other sea-port in India. (Comparative)  
No other sea-port in India is as good as Mumbai. (Positive)
4. **Disraeli was the greatest statesman of England.** (Superlative)  
Disraeli was greater than any other statesman of England. (Comparative)  
No other statesman of England was as great as Disraeli. (Positive)
5. **There are few districts as fertile as Hoshiarpur.** (Positive)  
Hoshiarpur is more fertile than most other districts. (Comparative)  
Hoshiarpur is one of the most fertile districts. (Superlative)
6. **Kalidasa is one of the greatest poets.** (Superlative)  
Kalidasa is greater than most of the poets. (Comparative)  
Very few poets are as great as Kalidasa. (Positive)
7. **Very few books are as popular as Dickens' 'David Copperfield'.** (Positive)  
Dickens' 'David Copperfield' is more popular than most other books. (Comparative)  
Dickens' 'David Copperfield' is one of the most popular books. (Superlative)
8. **Gold is one of the most precious metals.** (Superlative)  
Gold is more precious than most of the metals. (Comparative)  
Very few metals are as precious as gold. (Positive)
9. **It is easier to speak than to act.** (Comparative)  
To act is not as easy as to speak. (Positive)
10. **The train runs faster than a horse-cart.** (Comparative)  
A horse-cart does not run as fast as the train. (Positive)
11. **He knows you better than I.** (Comparative)  
I do not know you as good as he (knows). (Positive)
12. **He knows you better than me.** (Comparative)  
He does not know me as good as you. (Positive)
13. **Of all men he is the meanest.** (Superlative)  
He is meaner than any other men. (Comparative)  
No other men are as mean as he (is). (Positive)
14. **Let us see who runs fastest.** (Superlative)

- Let us see who runs faster than others. (Comparative)  
Let us see who runs as fast as he. (Positive)
- 15. He does his work more honestly than anybody else. (Comparative)**  
He does his work most honestly. (Superlative)  
Nobody does his work as honestly as he does. (Positive)
- 16. Few historians write as graphically as Prof. Bipin Chandra. (Positive)**  
Prof. Bipin Chandra is one of the historians who write most graphically. (Superlative)  
Prof. Bipin Chandra writes more graphically than most other historians. (Comparative)
- 17. John bowls faster than Jack. (Comparative)**  
Jack does not bowl as fast as John. (Positive)
- 18. Ashoka was one of the noblest of Indian kings. (Superlative)**  
Ashoka was nobler than most of Indian kings. (Comparative)  
Very few Indian kings was as noble as Ashoka. (Positive)
- 19. A live ass is better than a dead lion. (Comparative)**  
A dead lion is not as good as a live ass. (Positive)
- 20. Jim seemed more cheerful than any of his companions. (Comparative)**  
Jim seemed the most cheerful among his companions. (Superlative)  
No other companions seemed as cheerful as Jim. (Positive)