

HDHS #5: Comparativos

- **Comparatives are words and phrases that compare two or more nouns. They can show equality or inequality.**

Inequality: Juana is taller than Juan.
Equality: Juana is as tall as Juan.

- **In Spanish, inequality is expressed by using one of the following phrases:**

more ___ than: más ___ que
less ___ than: menos ___ que
more than #: más de ...
less than #: menos de ...

Examples:

Juana es más alta que Juan.	<i>Juana is taller than Juan.</i>
Juan es menos alto que Juana.	<i>Juan is less tall than Juana.</i>
Hay más de veinte estudiantes en la clase.	<i>There are more than 20 students in the class.</i>
Hay menos de veinte estudiantes en la clase.	<i>There are less than 20 students in the class.</i>

- **In Spanish, equality is expressed by using one of the following phrases:**

as ___ as: tan ___ como
as much ___ as: tanto (-a, -os, -as) ___ como
as much as: tanto como

Examples:

Juana es tan alta como Juan.	<i>Juana is as tall as Juan.</i>
Juan tiene tanto dinero como Juana.	<i>Juan has as much money as Juana.</i>
Sus estudiantes aprenden tanto como mis estudiantes.	<i>Her students learn as much as my students.</i>

- **There are also a few irregular comparatives. These comparatives do not require the words más or menos.**

older	mayor	better	mejor
younger	menor	worse	peor

Examples:

Juana es mayor que Juan.	<i>Juana is older than Juan.</i>
Juan es menor que Juana.	<i>Juan is younger than Juana.</i>
Mi perro es mejor que mi gato.	<i>My dog is better than my cat.</i>
Mi gato es peor que mi perro.	<i>My cat is worse than my dog.</i>