



06 LEVEL 2 LESS / AS

Not as interesting as yesterday

Wentworth: What did you think of last week's test?

Sarah: It was less difficult than the one two weeks ago, but it wasn't as interesting.

Wentworth: What do you mean?

Sarah: I mean the topic.

Wentworth: There were a lot of new words. I must admit I noticed some of you were not as comfortable as usual. I thought everyone understood but I realized while correcting the snap quiz that I was wrong. The copies are less good than last week.

Sarah: Is it that bad?

Wentworth: No, but I have to say I'm a bit disappointed. Obviously, some of you worked less and it's a shame. Don't take your level for granted. Constant effort makes you progress. If you work less, you do not improve. If you don't brush up on previous lessons, it gets worse. There's always a need to brush upon previous lessons. Make sure you review them, from time to time, at least.

Sarah: I wasn't focused.

Wentworth: Strangely enough, your written test is less bad than usual. Which means you memorized the exceptions

Sarah: As a matter of fact, now that you mention it, it's true that I felt like I understood much more than ever before. I still have a hard time expressing ideas, talking to foreigners more fluently, but I'm less afraid to speak up. I think

Wentworth: Very good! Keep up the good work.

Sarah: Thanks!



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Less...than...	To make + verb
Last week's test	To progress
difficult	if
(duration) + ago	To improve
As	To brush up on
To mean	previous
A topic	To get+ adjective
must	To get worse
To admit	always
'I must admit'	A need (to + verb)
To notice	To make sure
'some of you'	To review
Were= plural form of BE for the preterit	'from time to time'
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'as usual'	To be focused
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While + VING 'while correcting'	'as a matter of fact'
A snap quiz	To mention
To be wrong	true
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Grammar: LESS / AS

2/ LESS... THAN : inferiority

We use LESS THAN when we want to say that the first element has a smaller quantity of the quality than another.

The pattern is: LESS + adjective + THAN +element of comparison.

Example: Beth is **LESS** pretty **THAN** Jessica. (= Jessica is more beautiful than Beth)

We do not modify the adjective when we use LESS THAN.

We can also omit the element of comparison.

Example: Beth is **less** pretty.

3/ AS ... AS : equality

We use AS...AS when we want to say that one element has the same quality as another.

The pattern is: AS + adjective + AS + element of comparison.

Example: Beth is AS smart AS Jessica. (= Jessica and Beth are smart)

We do not modify the adjective when we use AS...AS.

We can also omit the element of comparison.

Example: Beth is AS pretty.