

Comparing quantities

In English To compare *how often* things happen, use the following formulas:

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| <i>Inequality:</i> | more + than | I study more than you. |
| | less + than | You talk less than she does. |
| <i>Equality:</i> | as + much + as | My dad works as much as yours. |

To compare quantities, use nouns with the following formulas:

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| <i>Inequality:</i> | more + noun + than | She owns more shoes than you. |
| | less/fewer + noun + than | You've read fewer novels than me. |
| <i>Equality:</i> | as + much + noun + as | Sue drinks as much milk as a kid. |
| | as + many + noun + as | Bill has as many dogs as we do. |

A Underline the comparative phrase in each sentence and say whether it is comparing how often things happen or quantities of nouns.

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| 1. I want to have <u>more friends than</u> anybody. | <u>Quantities of nouns</u> |
| 2. There are as many folks at the game as at home. | _____ |
| 3. I know as much Spanish as the other students. | _____ |
| 4. Today I ate fewer apples than yesterday. | _____ |
| 5. Rose laughs less than her sister. | _____ |
| 6. This store sells as many books as that one. | _____ |
| 7. I don't eat as much chocolate as you. | _____ |
| 8. I exercise less than my uncle. | _____ |

In Spanish To compare *how often* things happen, use the following formulas:

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| <i>Inequality:</i> | más + que | Yo estudio más que tú. |
| | menos + que | Tú hablas menos que ella. |
| <i>Equality:</i> | tanto + como | Mi padre gana tanto como el tuyo. |

To compare *quantities*, use the following formulas. When used with nouns, or replacing them, **tanto** always agrees in gender and number with the noun.

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| <i>Inequality:</i> | más + noun + que | Ella tiene más zapatos que tú. |
| | menos + noun + que | Tú lees menos novelas que ella. |
| <i>Equality:</i> | tanto/a/los/as + noun + como | |

- No hay **tantos** turistas en Chicago **como** en Nueva York.
Sara bebe **tanta** leche **como** mi hija pequeña.

To avoid repeating nouns, use **más**, **menos**, or **tanto/tanta/tantos/tantas**.

- ¿Me sirves *leche*? Quiero **más**. Pero no me des **tanta**.

COMPARING QUANTITIES

B Underline the comparative phrase in each sentence and say whether it is comparing how often things happen or quantities of nouns.

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| 1. Quiero tener <u>más amigos que</u> nadie. | <u>Quantities of nouns</u> |
| 2. Hay tanta gente en el partido como en casa. | _____ |
| 3. Yo sé tanto español como los otros estudiantes. | _____ |
| 4. Hoy comí menos manzanas que ayer. | _____ |
| 5. Rosalia se ríe más que su hermana. | _____ |
| 6. Esa tienda vende tantos libros como ese almacén. | _____ |
| 7. Yo no como tanto chocolate como tú. | _____ |
| 8. Yo hago menos ejercicio que mi tío. | _____ |

C You and a friend are discussing what people did on their vacation. Use the words in parentheses to answer using comparatives.

- Rosario gastó mucho dinero. (Ramiro tanto)
Ramiro gastó tanto dinero como Rosario.
- Armando nadó mucho en la piscina. (Pili más)

- Santi pescó muchos peces en el río. (Clara tanto)

- Miguel buceó poco en el mar. (Teresita menos)

- Sabina remó mucho por las tardes. (Javi tanto)

- Silvia encontró muchos caracoles en la playa. (Tico más)

- Jorge exploró muchas cuevas. (Viviana tanto)

D 1. Translate the following sentences. Use forms of **tanto** for *so much / so many*.

- I have a lot of potatoes on my plate. I don't want so many.*

- I have a lot of water in my glass. I don't want so much.*

- I work a lot. I don't want to work so much.*

2. When does **tanto** agree in gender and number and when does it not? Why?

