

# Comparisons of Equality

When things being compared have equal characteristics, the comparison of equality is used.

The book is as good as the movie.  
The boy is as tall as the girl.

To form the comparisons of equality using adjectives or adverbs, use the following formula:

tan + adjective (adverb) + como

El libro es **tan bueno como** la película ..... The book is **as good as** the movie.  
El chico es **tan alto como** la chica ..... The boy is **as tall as** the girl.

To form comparisons of equality with nouns, use the following formula:

tanto(-a,-os,-as) + noun + como

Juan tiene **tanto dinero como** María ..... as much money as  
Él tiene **tanta paciencia como** ella ..... as much patience as  
Tiene **tantos libros como** ella ..... as many books as  
Tiene **tantas plumas como** ella ..... as many pens as

Choose the form of tanto to agree with the noun it modifies.

tanto dinero  
tanta paciencia  
tantos libros  
tantas plumas

When **actions** (not things) are being compared, and there is no adjective, use the following formula:

verb + tanto + como

Sus estudiantes **aprenden tanto como**  
mis estudiantes ..... learn as much as  
Rosario **cocina tanto como** Josefina ..... cooks as much as  
Las naranjas **cuestan tanto como**  
las manzanas ..... cost as much as

When **actions** (not things) are being compared, and there is an adjective, use the following formula:

verb + tan + adjective (masculine form) + como

Aquí **se trabaja tan duro como** ahí ..... work as hard as  
El niño **juega tan poco como** la niña ..... plays as little as  
Ellos **duermen tan poco como** ella ..... sleep as little as