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Le comparatif

While using adjectives, sometimes it is desirable to compare one item (sports, activities, lodging, excursions) to another. There are 3 ways to do this:

1. MORE + adjective + THAN An inn is **more comfortable** than a tent.
2. LESS + adjective + THAN A tent is **less comfortable** than a cabin.
3. AS + adjective + AS A cabin is **as comfortable** as an inn.

In French, the structures look like this:

1. More... than = **PLUS... QUE**

Formule:

Subject + (ne / n') + est / sont + (pas) + plus + *adjective + que (qu') + object

***NOTE:** the adjective agrees with the subject in both gender (m/f) and number (s/pl)

- a) Un jeu coopératif est **plus intéressant** **qu'**un jeu de société.
A cooperative game is more interesting than a board game.
- b) La voile n'est pas **plus amusante** **que** la randonnée à pied.
Sailing is not more fun than hiking.
- c) Les excursions sont **plus excitantes** **que** les jeux vidéos.
Excursions are more exciting than video games.

Pratique:

1. A holiday package deal is more economical than an excursion.

2. Snowshoeing is not more dynamic than alpine skiing.

3. Waterfalls are more refreshing (*rafraîchissant*) than lakes.

2. Less... than = **MOINS... QUE**

Formule:

Subject + (ne / n') + est / sont + (pas) + moins + *adjective + que (qu') + object

- a) Les activités individuelles sont **moins intéressantes que** les activités en groupe.
Individual activities are less interesting than group activities.
- b) Une tente est **moins confortable qu'**une cabane.
A tent is less comfortable than a cabin.
- c) Les montagnes sont **moins stupéfiantes que** les champs de glace.
Mountains are less amazing than glaciers.

Pratique:

- 1. A publicity poster is less organized than an itinerary.

- 2. Canoeing is less exciting than rafting.

- 3. Rocks are less interesting than trails.

3. As... as = **AUSSI... QUE**

Formule:

Subject + (ne / n') + est / sont + (pas) + aussi + *adjective + que (qu') + object

- a) Une auberge est **aussi confortable qu'**une cabane.
An inn is as comfortable as a cabin.
- b) La planche à roulettes est **aussi populaire que** le vélo de montagne.
Skateboarding is as popular as mountain biking.
- c) Les individuelles sont **aussi intelligentes que** les équipes.
Individuals are as intelligent as teams.

Pratique:

- 1. A coach is as fun as a guide.

- 2. Snowshoeing is as adventurous as water skiing.

- 3. Mountains are as impressive (*impressionnant*) as valleys.
