

## 1. 比較級・最上級の形

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原級	比較級	最上級
tall	taller	tallest
busy	busier	busiest
big	bigger	biggest
useful	more useful	most useful
good[well]	better	best
bad	worse	worst
many	more	most
much	more	most
little (少ない)	less	least
late (二種類)	later latter	latest last
far (二種類)	farther further	farthest furthest

## 2. 原級の用法

### (a) 基本的な用法

Tom is as tall as I (am).  
(トムは私と同じくらい背が高い。)

He is as nice a person as his father.  
(彼は、彼の父親と同じくらいいい人です。)

I don't sing as[so] well as my sister (does).  
(私は妹ほど歌が上手くない。)

I have as many books as you (do).  
(私はあなたと同じくらいの本を持っています。)

This pencil is three times as long as that one.  
= This pencil is three times the length of that one.  
(この鉛筆はあの鉛筆の3倍の長さだ。)

### (b) 慣用表現

The doctor came as quickly as he could.  
= The doctor came as quickly as possible.  
(その医者は できるだけ 急いでやって来た。)

She looks as cheerful as ever.  
(彼女は あいかわらず 元気そうだ。)

As many as sixty thousand birds spend the winter here.  
(6万羽 もの 鳥がここで冬を越す。)

He speaks French as well as English.  
= He speaks not only English but also French.  
(彼は英語 と同じように フランス語も話す。)

This car is as good as new.  
(この車は新品 同然 です。)

She left the room without so much as saying good-bye.  
(彼女はさよならと言うこと さえせず に部屋を出た。)

### 3. 比較級の用法

#### (a) 基本的な用法

<p>This rock is <u>heavier than</u> that one. (この岩はあの岩よりも重い。)</p> <p>My brother has <u>more CDs than</u> me. (私の弟は私よりたくさんの CD を持っている。)</p> <p>The teacher is <u>not younger than</u> my father. (その先生は私の父より若いということはない。)</p> <p>Tom is <u>three years younger than</u> John. = Tom is younger than John by three years. (トムはジョンより3歳年下だ。)</p> <p>This house is <u>much[far] larger than</u> mine. (この家は私の家よりもずっと [はるかに] 大きい。)</p> <p>This car is <u>less</u> expensive than that one. = That car is more expensive than this one. (この車はあの車ほど高くはない。)</p> <p>He looks <u>much younger than</u> he really is. (彼は実際の年齢よりずっと若く見える。)</p> <p>The population of Japan is <u>much smaller than</u> <u>that</u> of China. (日本の人口は中国の人口よりもずっと少ない。)</p>
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#### (b) 慣用表現

<p><u>More and more</u> people are traveling abroad these days. (最近、ますます多くの人が海外旅行に出かけている。)</p> <p><u>The higher</u> we climbed, <u>the colder</u> it became. (私たちが高く登れば登るほど、寒くなった。)</p> <p>I like her <u>all the better for</u> her faults. (彼女の欠点 だけよりいっそう 私は彼女が好きだ。)</p> <p>I can't buy a car, <u>much[still] less</u> a house. (私は車を買うことができない、ましてや家を買うことなどできない。)</p> <p>I <u>know better than to go</u> sailing without a life jacket. (私は救命胴衣もつけずにヨットに 乗るような愚か者ではない。)</p> <p>She lost her way, and <u>what was worse</u>, it began to rain. (彼女は道に迷った。さらに悪いことに、雨が降ってきた。)</p> <p>He is <u>no longer</u> able to sing. (彼は もはや 歌うことができ ない。)</p> <p>A whale is <u>no more</u> a fish <u>than</u> a horse is. (馬が魚でないのと 同様に、鯨は魚では ない。)</p> <p>A whale is <u>no less</u> a mammal <u>than</u> a horse is. (馬が哺乳類であるのと 同様に、鯨は哺乳類で ある。)</p>
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(c) ラテン語比較級

He is four years senior to me.  
= He is four years older than me.  
(彼は私より4歳年上だ。)

This dictionary is much superior to that.  
= This dictionary is much better than that.  
(この辞書はそれよりもはるかに優れている。)

I prefer white wine to red.  
= I like white wine better than red.  
(私は赤ワインより白ワインのほうが好きです。)

\* senior-junior, superior-inferior, major-minor, prior-posterior, prefer は than の代わりに to

## 4. 最上級の用法

(a) 基本的な用法

He is the fastest runner in this school.  
(彼はこの学校でもっとも速い走者です。)

He swims (the) fastest of us all.  
(彼は私たちの中でもっとも速く泳ぐ。)

Mike is the second tallest student in this class.  
(マイクはこのクラスで2番目に背の高い学生です。)

She is by far[much] the best singer in this country.  
(彼女はこの国で断トツに歌のうまい歌手だ。)

This is the least expensive camera in this store.  
= This is the most cheap camera in this store.  
(これがこの店でもっとも高くないカメラです。)

Tokyo is one of the largest cities in the world.  
(東京は世界で最も大きな都市の一つだ。)

(b) 慣用表現

It will take at (the) least two hours to get there.  
(そこに着くまで、少なくとも2時間はかかるだろう。)

People are at their best when they are under pressure.  
(人々は、プレッシャーの下にあるとき、最高の状態にある。)

He is the last person to tell a lie.  
(彼は 決して うそをつか ない 人だ。)

## 5. 特殊な表現

(a) 原級・比較級で最上級の内容を表す（富士山構文）

Mt. Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan.  
 = Mt. Fuji is higher than any other mountain in Japan.  
 = No (other) mountain in Japan is higher than Mt. Fuji.  
 = No (other) mountain in Japan is as high as Mt. Fuji.  
 （富士山は日本で最も高い山だ。）

(b) A というよりむしろ B

The drama was not so much a tragedy as a comedy.  
A B  
 = The drama was not a tragedy so much as a comedy.  
A B  
 = The drama was less a tragedy than a comedy.  
A B  
 = The drama was more a comedy than a tragedy.  
B A  
 = The drama was a comedy rather than a tragedy.  
B A  
 （そのドラマは悲劇というよりは、むしろ喜劇だった。）  
A B

(c) the のあるなしの例外

Tom is the taller of the two.  
 （トムは2人の中で背の高いほうだ。）  
 This lake is deepest here.  
 （この湖はここで一番深い。）

(d) 量を表す比較表現

次の A, B, C, D の 4 人で、一番多くのお金を持っているのは誰か？

(A) “I have no less than 10,000 yen.”  
 ( )

(B) “I have not less than 10,000 yen.”  
 ( )

(C) “I have no more than 10,000 yen.”  
 ( )

(D) “I have not more than 10,000 yen.”  
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答え… ( )

\*ドラッグして反転させると答えが見えます