

「比較」とは

- 「比較」とは、人や物事の性質の優劣を比べる表現である。
- 「比較」を表すために、形容詞や副詞を原級・比較級・最上級の形にする。

規則變化 (1)

原級	比較級	最上級
big	bigger	biggest
large	larger	largest
small	smaller	smallest
long	longer	longest
short	shorter	shortest
old	older	oldest
young	younger	youngest
hot	hotter	hottest
cold	colder	coldest
cheap	cheaper	cheapest
easy	easier	easiest
great	greater	greatest
etc.	etc.	etc.

規則變化 (2)

原級	比較級	最上級
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
careful	more careful	most careful
complicated	more complicated	most complicated
difficult	more difficult	most difficult
exciting	more exciting	most exciting
expensive	more expensive	most expensive
famous	more famous	most famous
important	more important	most important
interesting	more interesting	most interesting
popular	more popular	most popular
useful	more useful	most useful
etc.	etc.	etc.

不規則變化

原級	比較級	最上級
good / well	better	best
bad / ill	worse	worst
many / much	more	most
little	less	least
far ①	farther	farthest
far ②	further	furthest
late ①	later	latest
late ②	latter	last
old ①	older	oldest
old ②	elder	eldest

比較(原級)

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Overview (1)

- **as** + 原級 + **as** ...
 - **as** + 形容詞の原級 + **as** ...
 - **as** + 副詞の原級 + **as** ...
 - **as** + 形容詞の原級 + (a/an) + 名詞 + **as** ...

- **not** + **as** [**so**] + 原級 + **as** ...
 - **not** + **as** [**so**] + 形容詞の原級 + **as** ...
 - **not** + **as** [**so**] + 副詞の原級 + **as** ...
 - **not** + **as** [**so**] + 形容詞の原級 + (a/an) + 名詞 + **as** ...

Overview (2)

- 分数 + as + 原級 + as ...
 - 分数 + as + 形容詞の原級 + as ...
 - 分数 + as + 副詞の原級 + as ...
 - 分数 + as + 形容詞の原級 + (a/an) + 名詞 + as ...

- 倍数 + as + 原級 + as ...
 - 倍数 + as + 形容詞の原級 + as ...
 - 倍数 + as + 副詞の原級 + as ...
 - 倍数 + as + 形容詞の原級 + (a/an) + 名詞 + as ...

Overview (3)

- 分数表現・倍数表現の書きかえ
- 比較対象の設定
- 原級の重要表現
 - not so much A as B
 - not so much as + 動詞の原形
 - without so much as + 名詞/動名詞
 - as + [形容詞・副詞の原級] + as possible / one can
 - as + [形容詞・副詞の原級] + as any...
 - as good as ...

as + 原級 + as ... (1)

as + 〔形容詞の原級〕 + as ...

「...と同じくらい〔形容詞〕」

Ken is tall. 「ケンには背が高い。」

⇒ Ken is as tall as she (is).

⇒ Ken is as tall as her. 「ケンには彼女と同じくらい背が高い。」

Yuta is naughty.

⇒ Yuta is as naughty as his brother (is).

I've found math interesting.

⇒ I've found math as interesting as chess.

as + 原級 + as ... (2)

as + 〔副詞の原級〕 + as ... 「...と同じくらい〔副詞〕」

Nanaka runs fast.

⇒ Nanaka runs as fast as he (does).

⇒ Nanaka runs as fast as him.

Nanaka can sing well.

⇒ Nanaka can sing as well as her brother (can).

as + 原級 + as ... (3)

as + 〔形容詞の原級〕 + (a/an) + 〔名詞〕 + as ...

「...と同じくらい〔形容詞〕な〔名詞〕」

Yuta is a naughty student.

「ユウタは腕白な生徒だ。」

⇒ Yuta is **as** naughty a student **as** his brother (is).

「ユウタは弟と同じくらい腕白な生徒だ。」

Ken has many books.

⇒ Ken has **as** many books **as** she (does).

⇒ Ken has **as** many books **as** her.

not + as [so] + 原級 + as ... (1)

not + as [so] + [形容詞の原級] + as ...

「...ほど〔形容詞〕ではない」

Ken is as tall as her.

「ケン is 彼女と同じくらい背が高い。」

⇒ Ken is **not** as [so] tall as her.

「ケン is 彼女ほど背が高くない。」

Yuta is as naughty as his brother (is).

⇒ Yuta is **not** as [so] naughty as his brother (is).

not + as [so] + 原級 + as ... (2)

not + as [so] + 〔副詞の原級〕 + as ...

「...ほど〔副詞〕ではない」

Nanaka runs as fast as him.

⇒ Nanaka does **not** run as [so] fast as him.

Nanaka can sing as well as her brother.

⇒ Nanaka **cannot** sing as [so] well as her brother (can).

not + as [so] + 原級 + as ... (3)

not + as [so] + 〔形容詞の原級〕 + (a/an) + 〔名詞〕 + as ...

「...ほど〔形容詞〕な〔名詞〕ではない」

Ken has as many books as her.

「ケンには彼女と同じくらい(の数の)本を持っている。」

⇒ Ken does not have as [so] many books as her.

「ケンには彼女ほど本を持っていない。」

Yuta is as naughty a student as his brother (is).

⇒ Yuta is not as [so] naughty a student as his brother (is).

分数 + as + 原級 + as ... (1)

Ken is **as** tall **as** his brother (is).

「ケン
は兄と同じくらい背が高い。」

⇒ Ken is **half as** tall **as** his brother (is).

「ケン
は兄の半分の身長です。」

Japanese people aged 20 years or over drink alcohol **as** often **as** Russian counterparts (do).

⇒ Japanese people aged 20 years or over drink alcohol less than **half as** often **as** Russian counterparts (do).

分数 + as + 原級 + as ... (2)

Ken has as many books as his brother (does).

⇒ Ken has only a third as many books as his brother (does).

倍数 + as + 原級 + as ... (1)

Shanghai Tower is **as** tall **as** Abeno Harukas (is).

「上海タワーは阿倍野ハルカスと同じくらい高い。」

⇒ Shanghai Tower is **twice as** tall **as** Abeno Harukas (is).

「上海タワーは阿倍野ハルカスの倍の高さです。」

Nanaka runs **as** fast **as** her brother (does).

⇒ Nanaka runs **twice as** fast **as** her brother (does).

倍数 + as + 原級 + as ... (2)

Ken has as many books as his brother (does).

⇒ Ken has more than three [four / five / ...] times as many books as his brother (does).

分数表現・倍数表現 の書きかえ (1)

分数や倍数の表現は、名詞を用いて書きかえることが可能。

Shanghai Tower is **twice as tall as** Abeno Harukas (is).

= Shanghai Tower is **twice** the **height** of Abeno Harukas.

Europe is about **half as large as** China (is).

= Europe is about **half** the **size** of China.

The Colorado River is nearly **a third as long as** the Nile River (is).

= The Colorado River is nearly **a third** the **length** of the Nile River.

分数表現・倍数表現 の書きかえ (2)

My grandpa is almost **three times as** old **as** my sister (is).

= My grandpa is almost **three times** the **age** of my sister.

His luggage is only **half as** heavy **as** mine (is).

= His luggage is only **half** the **weight** of mine.

Ken has more than **three times as** many books **as** me.

= Ken has more than **three times** the **number** of my books.

比較対象の設定

比較対象は同類でなければならない。

- × I wash my hair **half as** often in February **as** (I do) August.
- I wash my hair **half as** often in February **as** (I do) in August.

- × The population of Japan is not **as** large **as** China (is).
- The population of Japan is not **as** large **as** that of China (is).

- × The inhabitants of Europe are **as** healthy **as** Japan (is).
- The inhabitants of Europe are **as** healthy **as** those of Japan (are).

原級の重要表現 (1)

not so much A as B = B rather than A 「AというよりはむしろB」

Will Smith is not so much a singer as an actor.

= Will Smith is an actor rather than a singer.

※以下の表現と混同しないよう注意しよう。

not so much as + 動詞の原形 「～さえしない」

without so much as + 名詞 / 動名詞 「～さえせずに」

He couldn't so much as get out of bed.

He dropped out of school without so much as a second thought.

原級の重要表現 (2)

as + 〔形容詞・副詞の原級〕 + as possible / one can

「できる限り〔形容詞・副詞〕」

She went home as soon as possible.

= She went home as soon as she could.

Keep your gums and teeth as healthy as possible.

= Keep your gums and teeth as healthy as you can.

原級の重要表現 (3)

as + 〔形容詞・副詞の原級〕 + as any...

「どの...にも劣らず〔形容詞・副詞〕」

This flower is as beautiful as anything.

「この花はなによりも美しい。」

I studied as hard as anyone for the exam.

原級の重要表現 (4)

as good as ... 「...同然」

The used laptop is as good as new.

The job is now as good as finished.

比較(比較級)

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Overview (1)

- 比較級 + than ...
- 優劣の差の表し方
- thanの代わりにtoを用いるケース
- 絶対比較級
- 比較級の重要表現
 - less + 原級 + than ...
 - more + 原級 + than + 原級
 - the + 比較級 + of the two ...
 - the + 比較級 ~, the + 比較級...
 - no more than... | no less than...
 - not more than... | not less than...

Overview (2)

- nothing more than... | nothing less than...
- all the + 比較級 + for O / because SV
 - | none the + 比較級 + for O / because SV
- no more A than B | no less A than B
- more or less...
- know better than to 不定詞
- 否定文, much less ...
- think better of...
- get the better of...

比較級 + **than ... (1)**

〔形容詞の比較級〕 + than ... 「...よりも〔形容詞〕」

Ken is tall.

「ケンには背が高い。」

⇒ Ken is taller than I (am).

⇒ Ken is taller than me.

「ケンには私よりも背が高い。」

Yuta is naughty.

⇒ Yuta is naughtier than his brother (is).

I've found math interesting.

⇒ I've found math more interesting than chess.

比較級 + **than ... (2)**

〔副詞の比較級〕 + than ... 「...よりも〔副詞〕」

Nanaka runs fast.

⇒ Nanaka runs faster than her brother (does).

Nanaka can sing well.

⇒ Nanaka can sing better than her brother (can).

比較級 + **than** ... (3)

(a/an) + 〔形容詞の比較級〕 + 〔名詞〕 + than ...

「...よりも〔形容詞〕な〔名詞〕」

Ken has many books.

⇒ Ken has more books than his brother (does).

Yuta is a naughty student.

⇒ Yuta is a naughtier student than his brother (is).

優劣の差の表し方(1)

優劣の差を漠然と示す場合

Ken is taller than his brother (is).

「ケンはお兄さんよりも背が高い。」

⇒ Ken is much [far / a lot] taller than his brother (is).

「ケンはお兄さんよりもずっと背が高い。」

⇒ Ken is a little [slightly] taller than his brother (is).

「ケンはお兄さんよりもわずかに背が高い。」

優劣の差の表し方(2)

優劣の差を具体的に示す場合

Ken is taller than his brother (is).

「ケンは何よりも背が高い。」

⇒ Ken is 20 cm taller than his brother (is).

= Ken is taller than his brother (is) by 20 cm.

thanの代わりにtoを用いるケース(1)

prefer A to B 「BよりAが好きだ」

I prefer his desk to mine.

Yuta prefers watching a movie to singing karaoke.

be superior to ... 「...より優れて」

Windows 10 is far superior to Windows 7.

be inferior to ... 「...より劣って」

Windows 7 is far inferior to Windows 10.

thanの代わりにtoを用いるケース(2)

be senior to ... 「...より年上・上位で」

Yuta is six years senior to Jion.

I'm senior to them, so they work under my direction.

be junior to ... 「...より年下・下位で」

Jion is six years junior to Yuta.

They are junior to me, so they work under my direction.

絶対比較級

(通常の比較級のように) 具体的な人や物事と比べず、
比較的程度が高いことを表したいときに絶対比較級は用いられる。

the upper class

the lower class

the older generation

the younger generation

比較級の重要表現 (1)

less + 〔形容詞の原級〕 + than ...

「...ほど〔形容詞〕ではない」

Ken is less tall than his brother. 「ケンは兄ほど背が高くない。」

= Ken is not **as** tall **as** his brother.

Yuta is less naughty than his brother.

= Yuta is not **as** naughty **as** his brother.

比較級の重要表現 (2)

同一の人や物事の性質を比較するとき、 more + 原級 + than + 原級のかたちをとる。

○ Yuta is more kind than shy.

× Yuta is kinder than shy.

「ユータは内気であるというよりは親切だ。」

= Yuta is kind rather than shy.

○ Ken's essay is more complex than admirable.

= Ken's essay is complex rather than admirable.

※ 原級のかわりに名詞が用いられることもある。

○ James Corden is more (of) a comedian than a singer.

= James Corden is a comedian rather than a singer.

比較級の重要表現 (3)

the + 比較級 + of the two ...

「二人」または「二つの物事」の性質の優劣を比べるときは、比較級の直前にtheをつける必要がある。

Yuta is the taller of the two brothers.

「ユータは2人の兄弟のうちの背が高い方だ。」

= Of the two brothers, Yuta is the taller. (自然)

Hikari is the younger of the two sisters.

= Of the two sisters, Hikari is the younger. (自然)

比較級の重要表現 (4)

the + 比較級 ~, the + 比較級... 「～すればするほど...」

The colder it gets, the harder it is to get out of bed.

= As it gets colder, it is harder to get out of bed.

The harder you study English, the better you'll be at it.

= If you study English harder, you'll be better at it.

The more money you earn, the more fun you'll have with your business.

= As you earn more money, you'll have more fun with your business.

比較級の重要表現 (5)

no more than... ≒ only...

「...しか」

(数量が少ないことを強調する表現)

My new house cost me no more than [only] \$200,000.

no less than... ≒ as many as... / as much as...

「...も」

(数量が多いことを強調する表現)

My new house cost me no less than [as much as] \$200,000.

She managed to fold no less than [as many as] a hundred paper cranes.

比較級の重要表現 (6)

not more than... ≙ at most... 「多くとも...」 「せいぜい...」

My new house will cost me not more than [at most] \$200,000.

not less than... ≙ at least... 「少なくとも...」

My new house will cost me not less than [at least] \$200,000.

比較級の重要表現 (7)

nothing more than... ≒ little more than... 「...にすぎない」

Age is nothing more than a number.

nothing less than... ≒ little less than... 「...も同然だ」

Crime fiction is nothing less than a textbook for murder.

比較級の重要表現 (8)

all the + 〔形容詞・副詞の比較級〕 + for O / because SV

「O/SVだからいっそう〔形容詞・副詞〕」

The movie is all the more exciting because it reunites Leonardo DiCaprio with Kate Winslet.

I like him all the more for his loyalty to our company.

none the + 〔形容詞・副詞の比較級〕 + for O / because SV

「O/SVだからといって〔形容詞・副詞〕ではない」

I felt none the better because I had seen a doctor.

I like him none the less for his disloyalty to our company.

比較級の重要表現 (9)

no more A than B \doteq not A any more than B

「B(がそう)でないのと同様Aでない」

Iraq is no more safe than Syria (is).

= Iraq is not safe any more than Syria.

He is no more a beggar than I (am).

= He is not a beggar any more than I (am).

Riko can no more read Haruki Murakami's books than eat bugs.

= Riko cannot read Haruki Murakami's books any more than eat bugs.

比較級の重要表現 (10)

no less A than B

「B(がそう)であるのと同様Aだ」

Yui is no less diligent than Yuta.

The candidate has no less work experience than talent.

比較級の重要表現 (11)

more or less... 「多かれ少なかれ...」

Chatting at a cafe is more or less a waste of money.

know better than to 不定詞 「～しないだけの分別がある」

I should have known better than to watch YouTube all day long.

比較級の重要表現 (12)

否定文, much less ...

否定文, still less ...

否定文, let alone ...

「～ない。まして...ない」

I can't even sing easy children songs well, much less jazz.

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I can't play the piano, still less the violin.

The sophomore student does not have a bicycle, let alone a car.

比較級の重要表現 (13)

think better of... 「考え直して...をやめる」

I came close to yelling at him, but I thought better of it.

get the better of... 「...に勝つ」

When it comes to kickboxing, nobody has ever got the better of Tenshin Nasukawa.

比較(最上級)

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Overview (1)

- 最上級とは
- 形容詞の最上級
- 副詞の最上級
- 最上級 + that節

- 最上級の強調
- 最上級に “the” がつかないケース

- 所有格 + 最上級
- 基数 + 最上級
- 序数 + 最上級

Overview (2)

- 最上級の意味を成す原級
- 最上級の意味を成す比較級

- 最上級の重要表現
 - at most | at least
 - at best | at worst
 - make the most of ... | make the best of ...

最上級とは

最上級 = 原則、〔3人以上〕または〔3つ以上〕の中で、
〔一番優れている〕または〔一番劣っている〕ことを表す。

最上級は一番程度が高いことを表現するが、世界中で一番になるのは非現実的なケースが多い。故に最上級の範囲を限定して、その中で一番であると述べる方が現実的だ。その最上級の範囲を限定するとき用いる前置詞が“in”や“of”である。

<in + 集団・場所> e.g. in the class, in Japan

<of + 同類の人や物> e.g. of all the students, of all the boys, of all the books, of all

形容詞の最上級 (1)

the + [形容詞の最上級]

「最も〔形容詞〕」

Kate Winslet, I think, is **the best** actress in the world.

Kate Winslet, I think, is one of **the best** actresseses in the world.

My dad handed me **the most amazing** gift for my birthday.

I found it **the most rewarding** to work with colleagues who have a mutual interest.

形容詞の最上級 (2)

口語では〔be動詞やseemの直後〕または〔知覚動詞の直後〕の“the”は省略されることが多い。ただし形容詞の最上級の直後に名詞が来る場合は、省略不可。

When you are hungry, snickers **is (the) best**.

Which cigarette **tastes (the) best** to you?

This website **looks (the) most useful** for my project.

副詞の最上級

the + [副詞の最上級]

「最も〔副詞〕」

副詞の最上級の“the”は省略されることが多いが、<in + 集団・場所>
<of + 同類の人や物>がうしろに続く場合は“the”をつける必要がある。

Nanaka runs (the) fastest.

「ナナカは最も速く走る。」

Nanaka runs the fastest in the class. 「ナナカはクラスで最も速く走る。」

Nanaka runs the fastest of all the students.

「ナナカは全生徒の中で最も速く走る。」

Orangutans are thought to be most closely related to humans.

「オランウータンは最も人間に近いと考えられている。」

最上級 + **that**節

最上級のうしろにthat節をおくことで、比較する範囲を限定できる。(このthatは関係代名詞)

She is **the kindest** person (that) I've ever met.

It's **the most** fun (that) I've ever had.

Kaho and Risa are **the best** friends (that) I've ever known in my life.

最上級の強調

Matt Damon is by far **the sexiest** actor of all.

Christine is much **the best** person for the job.

※ “best”の強調に “very”が用いられることもある。

⇨ Christine is **the** very **best** person for the job.

Pancreatic cancer is quite **the deadliest** cancer of all.

最上級に “the” がつかないケース

同一の人や物事の中で比較する場合は、最上級の前に “the” はつかない。

The swimming pool is **deepest** in the center.

「そのプールは中心が一番深い。」

⇔ The swimming pool is (**the**) **deepest** in this town.

「そのプールはこの町で最も深い。」

My mother is **nicest** on her birthday.

「母は誕生日に最も優しくなる。」

⇔ My mother is **the nicest** woman in this town.

「母はこの町で最も優しい女性です。」

所有格＋最上級

最上級の直前に、“the”のかわりに〔所有格〕を置くことができる。

Write about your **best** friend.

What are the effects of China’s economic deceleration on its **most** impoverished people?

基数 + 最上級

the + 基数 + 最上級

所有格 + 基数 + 最上級

The two best individuals from each class are selected for scholarships.

「各クラスの最も優秀な2人が奨学金を受ける。」

Neither of our two most popular films won Oscars.

「我々の制作した映画の中で最もヒットした二作品は、ともにアカデミー賞を逃した。」

序数 + 最上級

the + 序数 + 最上級

所有格 + 序数 + 最上級

Yokohama is **the second largest** city in Japan.

「横浜は日本で二番目に大きな都市です。」

Kyoto University has been **the second best** university in Japan.

Japan is now **the world's third largest** economy.

最上級の意味を成す原級

No (other) + 単数名詞 ~ as [so] + [形容詞・副詞の原級] + as...

「他のどんな名詞も...ほど〔形容詞・副詞〕でない」

Nothing / Nobody ~ as [so] + [形容詞・副詞の原級] + as...

「何も/誰も...ほど〔形容詞・副詞〕でない」

No other dog is as [so] cute as my dog.

= My dog is the cutest of all.

Nothing gives me as [so] much pleasure as travelling. —Alan Rickman

= Travelling gives me the most pleasure.

Nobody is as [so] sexy to me as Anne Hathaway.

= Anne Hathaway is (the) sexiest to me.

最上級の意味を成す比較級(1)

No (other) + 単数名詞 ~ 〔形容詞・副詞の比較級〕 + than...
「他のどんな名詞も...ほど〔形容詞・副詞〕でない」

Nothing / Nobody ~ 〔形容詞・副詞の比較級〕 + than ...
「何も/誰も...ほど〔形容詞・副詞〕でない」

No other dog is cuter than mine.

= My dog is **the cutest** of all.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than travelling.

= Travelling gives me **the most** pleasure.

Nobody is sexier to me than Anne Hathaway.

= Anne Hathaway is (**the**) **sexiest** to me.

最上級の意味を成す比較級(2)

〔形容詞・副詞の比較級〕 + than any other + 単数名詞

「他のどんな名詞よりも〔形容詞・副詞〕だ」

〔形容詞・副詞の比較級〕 + than anything / anybody else

「何よりも/誰よりも〔形容詞・副詞〕だ」

My dog is cuter than any other dog.

= My dog is **the cutest** of all.

Travelling gives me more pleasure than anything else.

= Travelling gives me **the most** pleasure.

Anne Hathaway is sexier to me than any other actress.

= Anne Hathaway is (**the**) **sexiest** to me.

最上級の重要表現 (1)

at most 「多くとも」 (考えられうる最大の数字や量を述べるときに用いられる。)

It will save you at most \$2 per day to drink water instead of beer at dinner.

at least 「少なくとも」 (考えられうる最小の数字や量を述べるときに用いられる。)

It will save you at least \$2 per day to drink water instead of beer at dinner.

最上級の重要表現 (2)

at best 「よくても」 (最も楽観的な見方をすると (をしても))

Those who don't believe in themselves are pets at best.

at worst 「悪くても」 (最も悲観的な見方をすると (をしても))

Loss of electricity in our homes, businesses, schools, and hospitals is inconvenient at best—and life-threatening at worst.

最上級の重要表現 (3)

make the most of ... ≙ make the best of ... 「...を最大限利用する」

ISIS has made the most of social media and recruited over 27,000 foreign fighters.

Several houses in Tokyo incorporate various features designed to make the best of limited space.