She's old but she's not as old as he is.  Box A isn't as big as Box B.

- Rome is not as old as Athens. (= Athens is older)
- The Grand Hotel isn't as expensive as the Europa. (= the Europa is more expensive)
- I don't play tennis as often as you. (= you play more often)
- The weather is better than yesterday. It isn't as cold. (= as cold as yesterday)

- I haven't got as much money as you. (= you've got more money)
- I don't know as many people as you. (= you know more people)
- I don't go out as much as you. (= you go out more)

Compare not as... as and than:
- Rome is not as old as Athens.
  Athens is older than Rome, (not 'older as Rome')
- Tennis isn't as popular as football.
  Football is more popular than tennis.
- I don't go out as much as you.
  You go out more than me.

- We say ... as me / as him / as her etc.:
  - She's not as old as him.  or  She's not as old as he is.
  - You haven't got as much money as me.  or  You haven't got as much money as I have.

- Note that we say the same as ...:
  - My hair is the same colour as yours, (not 'the same like')
  - I arrived at the same time as Tom.
UNIT 83 Exercises

83.1 Look at the pictures and write sentences about A, B and C.

1. A is bigger than C but not as big as B.
2. A is... B but not C.
3. C is... A but.
4. A is... but.
5. B has got...
6. C works...

83.2 Write sentences with as ... as ...

1. Athens is older than Rome. Rome isn't as old as Athens.
2. My room is bigger than yours. Your room isn't as big as mine.
3. You got up earlier than me. I didn't.
4. We played better than them. They didn't.
5. I've been here longer than you. You haven't.

83.3 Put in as or than.

1. Athens is older than Rome.
2. I don't watch TV as much as you.
3. You eat more than me.
4. I feel better than I felt yesterday.
5. Jim isn't as clever as he thinks.
6. Belgium is smaller than Switzerland.
7. Brazil isn't as big as Canada.
8. I can't wait longer than an hour.

83.4 Read about the three people and complete the sentences with the same ... as ... Use the word in brackets ( ).

1. (age) Andrew is the same age as Caroline.
2. (street) Julia lives... Caroline.
3. (time) Julia got up... Caroline.
4. (colour) Andrew's... Caroline's.

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UNIT 84  the oldest  the most expensive

Box A is bigger than box B.

Box A is bigger than all the other boxes.
Box A is the biggest box.

The Europa Hotel is more expensive than the Grand.

The Europa Hotel is more expensive than all the other hotels in the town.

The Europa Hotel is the most expensive hotel in the town.

Bigger / older / more expensive etc. are comparative forms (• Unit 81).

Biggest / oldest / most expensive etc. are superlative forms.

- The superlative form is -est (oldest) or most... (most expensive):

| short adjectives (old/cheap/nice etc.) | the -est: |
| old | the oldest |
| cheap | the cheapest |
| nice | the nicest |

- good | the best |
- bad | the worst |

Spelling
- Appendix 4(4.4): big | the biggest |
- hot | the hottest |

| -y adjectives (easy/heavy etc.) | the -iest: |
| easy | the easiest |
| heavy | the heaviest |
| pretty | the prettiest |

| long adjectives (modern/expensive/interesting etc.) | the most... |
| modern | the most modern |
| interesting | the most interesting |

- Don’t forget the. We say: the oldest... / the most expensive... etc.:
  - The church is very old. It’s the oldest building in the town.
  (= it is older than all the other buildings)
  - What is the longest river in the world?
  - Money is important but it isn’t the most important thing in life.
  - Excuse me, where is the nearest bank?

- You can use the oldest / the best / the most expensive etc. without a noun:
  - Ken is a good tennis player. I think he is the best in the club.
    (the best = the best player)

- You can use the superlative + I've ever... / you've ever... (• Unit 16):
  - It was a very bad film — the worst film I’ve ever seen.
  - What is the most unusual thing you’ve ever done?
UNIT 84 Exercises

84.1 Write sentences with comparatives (older etc.) and superlatives (the oldest etc.).

1. (long/short)
   (C/A) C is ........................................... A.
   (D) D is ...........................................
   (B) B ..............................................

2. (big/small)
   (A/D) A is bigger than D.
   (A) A is the biggest.
   (B) B is the smallest.

3. (young/old)
   (D/C) D
   (B) B
   (C) ............................................

4. (expensive/cheap)
   (D/A)
   (C) ............................................
   (A) .............................................

5. (good/bad)
   (A/C) ............................................
   (A) .............................................
   (D) .............................................

84.2 Write sentences with a superlative (the longest etc.).

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1. Sydney is the largest city in Australia.
2. Everest
3. ............................................
4. ............................................
5. ............................................
6. ............................................

84.3 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (the oldest etc.).

1. This building is very old. It's .............................................. in the town.
2. It was a very happy day. It was .............................................. of my life.
3. It's a very good film. It's .............................................. I've ever seen.
4. She's a very popular singer. She's .............................................. in our country.
5. It was a very bad mistake. It was .............................................. I've ever made.
6. It's a very pretty village. It's .............................................. I've ever seen.
7. It was a very cold day. It was .............................................. of the year.
8. He's a very interesting person. He's .............................................. I've ever met.