

Unit 10: The Banyan Tree

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Question 1

Look at these sentences.

- The tree was older than Grandfather.
- Grandfather was sixty-five years old.

How old was the tree? Can you guess?

- The tree was as old as Dehra Dun itself.

Suppose Dehra Dun is 300 years old. How old is the tree?

- Probably, the tree was 300 years old too.

When two things are the same in some way, we use as...as.

Here is another set of examples.

- Mr Sinha is 160 centimetres tall.
- Mr Gupta is 180 centimetres tall.
- Mrs Gupta is 160 centimetres tall
- Mrs Gupta is as tall as Mr Sinha.

Use the words in the box to speak about the people and the things below, using as...as or -er than

tall – taller	cold – colder	hot – hotter
strong – stronger	short – shorter	

(Notice that in the word 'hot', the letter 't' is doubled when -er is added.)

1. Heights



Zeba (155cm)



Ruby (150cm)



Rant (155cm)

2. Weight Lifters



Vijay (50kg)



Akshay (50kg)



Anwar (65kg)

3. City Temperatures

Shimla (6°)Gangtok (6°)Srinagar (2°)

4. Lengths

Romi's pencil
(3 inches long)Mona's pencil
(5 inches long)Raja's pencil
(3 inches long)

5. City Temperatures

Delhi (43°)Chennai (39°)Nagpur (43°)

Solution

1. (i) Zeba is as tall as Rani.

(ii) Zeba is taller than Ruby.

(iii) Rani is taller than Ruby.

(iv) Ruby is shorter than Rani as well as Zeba.

1. (i) Vijay is as strong as Akshay.

(ii) Anwar is stronger than Akshay as well as Vijay.

(iii) Neither Akshay nor Vijay is as strong as Anwar.

1. (i) Shimla is as cold as Gangtok.

(ii) Srinagar is colder than Shimla and Gangtok.

(iii) Neither Gangtok nor Shimla is as cold as Srinagar.

1. (i) Romi's pencil is as long as Raja's pencil.

(ii) Mona's pencil is longer than Romi's pencil and Raja's pencil.

(iii) Neither Romi's pencil or Raja's pencil is as long as Mona's pencil.

1. (i) Delhi is as hot as Nagpur.

(ii) Chennai is not as hot as Delhi or Nagpur.

(iii) Delhi is hotter than Chennai.

(iv) Nagpur is hotter than Chennai.

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Question 1

'My Favourite Place'

Read again the paragraphs of the story in which the author describes the banyan tree, and what he used to do there. Is there a place in your house, or in your grandparents' or uncles' or aunts' houses, that you specially like? Write a short paragraph about it, saying

- where it is
- what you do there
- why you like it

You may instead write about a place you dislike, or are afraid of.

Solution

My favourite place in my house is the balcony that is attached to my bedroom. There is a huge window in my room that overlooks the garden outside. I usually stand on the balcony and enjoy the beautiful view of the garden. Every morning sunshine peeps through my window and lights up my room. Sometimes, a cool breeze blows inside my room, making it airy. I have a desk next to my window and I sit and do my homework and lessons there. I simply love my room, from where I can enjoy the beauty of nature every single day.

(**Note:** For the second part of the question, students can write about their personal experience).
