

## Comparisons

**Comparativo di maggioranza**  
con aggettivi / avverbi  
*smaller than / more intelligent than*



**Comparativo di uguaglianza**  
con aggettivi / avverbi  
*not as small as / not as intelligent as*

### 1 Osserva l'esempio, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.

- 0 A bus is slower than a car.  
A bus isn't *as fast as* a car.
- 1 A motorbike is easier to park than a car.  
A motorbike isn't ..... to park  
as a car.
- 2 Tim cycles to school more often than Lyn.  
Lyn doesn't cycle to school ..... Tim.
- 3 Train tickets are more expensive than bus tickets.  
Bus tickets aren't ..... train tickets.
- 4 A hurricane is worse than a tornado.  
A tornado isn't ..... a hurricane.
- 5 The Thames is shorter than the Po.  
The Thames isn't ..... the Po.
- 6 I drive more carefully than you.  
You don't drive ..... me.

Se il soggetto rimane lo stesso  
e il verbo diventa negativo,  
è necessario usare l'aggettivo  
contrario:

*A bus is slower than a car.*  
↓ ↓ ↙  
*A bus isn't as fast as a car.*     aggettivi  
contrari



- 0 My ice-cream isn't as nice as yours.  
Your ice-cream *is nicer than* mine.
- 1 English coffee isn't as strong as Italian coffee.  
English coffee is ..... Italian coffee.
- 2 Olive oil isn't as fattening as butter.  
Butter is ..... olive oil.
- 3 Your soup isn't as hot as mine.  
My soup is ..... than yours.
- 4 Frozen fish isn't as good as fresh fish.  
Fresh fish is ..... than frozen fish.
- 5 Martha doesn't dance as gracefully as Louise.  
Louise dances ..... Martha.
- 6 Venus isn't as big as the Earth.  
The Earth is ..... Venus.

**Comparativo di maggioranza**  
– aggettivi 'corti' + *-er than*  
– *more* + aggettivi 'lunghi' *than*  
– *big* → *bigger*  
– *good/well* → *better*

## Quantifiers

**Too + aggettivo / avverbio**

*too young / quietly*  
*too long / quickly*  
*too expensive / late*



**aggettivo / avverbio + enough**

*not old / loud enough*  
*not short / slowly enough*  
*not cheap / early enough*

### 2 Osserva l'esempio, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.

- 0 You are too young to drive a car.  
 You *aren't old enough* to drive a car.
- 1 The flat is too small for such a large family.  
 The flat ..... for such a large family.
- 2 I got up too late to see the sunrise.  
 I didn't get up ..... to see the sunrise.
- 3 They are too short to be professional basketball players.  
 They ..... to be professional basketball players.
- 4 The wall was too high for the children to climb over.  
 The wall ..... for the children to climb over.
- 5 He walked too slowly to get to the appointment on time.  
 He didn't walk ..... to get to the appointment on time.
- 6 The weather was too cold for a picnic.  
 The weather ..... for a picnic.



- 0 This flat isn't close enough to the town centre.  
 This flat *is too far* from the town centre.
- 1 The children aren't old enough to walk to school alone.  
 The children ..... to walk to school alone.
- 2 The kitchen isn't big enough for everybody to have meals together.  
 The kitchen ..... for everybody to have meals together.
- 3 The sitting-room isn't warm enough in the winter.  
 The sitting-room ..... in the winter.
- 4 The exercise isn't difficult enough for my students.  
 The exercise ..... for my students.
- 5 She didn't arrive early enough to get a seat.  
 She arrived ..... to get a seat.
- 6 You aren't speaking loudly enough. I can't hear you.  
 You are ..... I can't hear you.

# Conditionals

If + periodo ipotetico di tipo zero

- If you don't go
- If he doesn't use
- If children don't eat



unless + periodo ipotetico di tipo zero

- unless you go
- unless he uses
- unless children eat

**ESERCIZIO** Osserva l'esempio, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.

- 0 If you don't insert the plug, the machine doesn't work.  
The machine doesn't work unless *you insert* the plug.
- 1 If students don't register in advance, they can't take the exam.  
Students can't take the exam unless ..... in advance.
- 2 If he doesn't get up at six, he's usually late for work.  
He's usually late for work unless ..... at six.
- 3 If you don't type in the password, you can't access the data.  
You can't access the data unless ..... the password.
- 4 If you don't book a table, it's impossible to get into that restaurant.  
It's impossible to get into that restaurant unless ..... table.
- 5 If I don't go to bed before ten, I find it hard to get up the next day.  
Unless ..... bed before ten, I find it hard to get up the next day.
- 6 If I don't listen carefully, I can't understand every word.  
I can't understand every word unless .....



- 0 The lake freezes completely unless the winter is unusually warm.  
If *the winter isn't* unusually warm, the lake freezes completely.
- 1 Your reservation is not valid unless you pay in advance.  
If you ..... in advance, your reservation is not valid.
- 2 Children are not admitted to the show unless they are accompanied by an adult.  
If children ..... by an adult, they are not admitted to the show.
- 3 Grass doesn't grow unless it rains.  
If it ....., grass doesn't grow.
- 4 I never take medicines unless it is absolutely necessary.  
If it ..... necessary, I never take medicines.
- 5 You can't work in this country unless you have a work permit.  
If you ..... a work permit, you can't work in this country.
- 6 Sarah sleeps until late unless she has to go to school.  
If Sarah ..... to go to school, she sleeps until late.

## If + periodo ipotetico di 1° tipo

*If it doesn't rain*  
*If he doesn't know*  
*If we don't leave*  
*If you don't pay*



## unless + periodo ipotetico di 1° tipo

*unless it rains*  
*unless he knows*  
*unless we leave*  
*unless you pay*

## 2 Osserva l'esempio, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.

- 0 If you don't learn the rules, you won't understand the game.  
 You won't understand the game *unless you learn* the rules.
- 1 If she isn't careful, she'll get lost.  
 She'll get lost unless ..... careful.
- 2 If I don't get an invitation, I'll be alone this weekend.  
 I'll be alone this weekend unless ..... an invitation.
- 3 If you don't stop eating biscuits, you won't lose weight.  
 You won't lose weight unless ..... biscuits.
- 4 If they can't cooperate, they won't succeed in the task.  
 They won't succeed in the task unless .....
- 5 If the rain doesn't stop, they'll cancel the event.  
 They'll cancel the event unless .....
- 6 If we don't solve our problems now, they will only get worse.  
 Unless ..... problems now, they will only get worse.

Qui il verbo è sempre al presente, in forma negativa dopo *if*, in forma affermativa dopo *unless*:

*If they don't phone ...*  
*Unless they phone ...*



- 0 My parents will be worried unless I phone them at once.  
 If I *don't phone* my parents at once, they'll be worried.
- 1 This dish will taste awful unless you follow the recipe.  
 If you ..... the recipe, this dish will taste awful.
- 2 We'll never know the truth unless we ask him.  
 If we ..... him, we'll never know the truth.
- 3 We will not refund your money unless the products are faulty.  
 If the products ....., we will not refund your money.
- 4 They won't give you the job unless you can speak three languages.  
 If you ..... three languages, they won't give you the job.
- 5 She will catch you unless you are very quick.  
 If you ....., she will catch you.
- 6 The milk will go sour unless we put it in the fridge.  
 If we ..... milk in the fridge, it will go sour.

**Present perfect simple + for**  
*I haven't played for years*



**It's ... since + past simple**  
*It's years since I played*

**1 Osserva l'esempio, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.**

- 0 I haven't had a holiday for years.  
 It's years since I *had a holiday*.
- 1 The team hasn't won a match for ages.  
 It's ages since ..... a match.
- 2 There hasn't been a phone call for hours.  
 It's hours since ..... a phone call.
- 3 Astronomers haven't seen the comet for centuries.  
 It's centuries since ..... the comet.
- 4 No one has come out of the building for ten minutes.  
 It's ten minutes since someone ..... the building.
- 5 I haven't felt so happy for months.  
 It's months since I .....
- 6 She hasn't been ill for years.  
 It's years since .....

**Present perfect simple + before**  
*I've never seen*



**This is the first time + present perfect simple**  
*This is the first time I've seen*

**2 Osserva l'esempio, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.**

- 0 I've never flown in a helicopter before.  
 This is the first time *I've flown* in a helicopter.
- 1 They haven't visited our country before.  
 This is the first time they ..... our country.
- 2 This event hasn't been shown on TV before.  
 This is the first time this event ..... on TV.
- 3 I've never seen you so enthusiastic before.  
 This is the first time I ..... so enthusiastic.
- 4 The city has never hosted the Olympic Games before.  
 This is the first time the city ..... the Olympic Games.
- 5 She hasn't invited anyone to her flat before.  
 This is the first time she ..... to her flat.
- 6 There haven't been any objections before.  
 This is the first time there ..... objections.

I pronomi indefiniti  
 possono cambiare:  
*I haven't seen anyone  
 before.*  
*This is the first time  
 I have seen someone.*



- 0 This is the first time someone has complained about the fact.  
No one *has complained* about the fact before.
- 1 This is the first time a space probe has landed on Mars.  
No space probe ..... on Mars before.
- 2 This is the first time you've said something positive.  
You ..... anything positive before.
- 3 This is the first time the two rock stars have performed together.  
The two rock stars ..... before.
- 4 This is the first time I've eaten raw fish.  
I ..... raw fish before.
- 5 This is the first time we've reached a complete agreement.  
We ..... a complete agreement before.
- 6 This is the first time we've been somewhere together.  
We ..... together before.

**Present perfect simple + still**

- I still haven't understood*
- We still haven't heard*
- I still haven't finished*
- It still hasn't started*



**Present perfect simple + not yet**

- I haven't understood yet*
- We haven't heard yet*
- I haven't finished yet*
- It hasn't started yet*

**3 Osserva l'esempio, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.**

- 0 They still haven't come back.  
They haven't *come back yet*.
- 1 The concert still hasn't started.  
The concert .....
- 2 There still haven't been any phone calls.  
There haven't ..... calls yet.
- 3 The rescuers still haven't found the missing people.  
The rescuers haven't found the .....
- 4 I still haven't finished the book.  
I haven't finished .....
- 5 The dinner still isn't ready.  
The dinner isn't .....
- 6 The baby still hasn't had his bath.  
The baby hasn't had .....

**Past simple + (last) + ago / in / on ...**

*We (last) saw him three months ago / in October.*

*I (last) spoke to her yesterday / two days ago.*

*We (last) had a holiday six months ago / in July.*

**Present perfect simple + for / since**

*We haven't seen him for three months / since October.*

*I haven't spoken to her for two days / since yesterday.*

*We haven't had a holiday for six months / since July.*



**Osserva gli esempi, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.**

- 0 The volcano last erupted two hundred years ago.  
The volcano *hasn't erupted* for two hundred years.
- 1 I last saw her on Tuesday.  
I ..... since Tuesday.
- 2 Dinosaurs last walked the Earth 65 million years ago.  
Dinosaurs ..... the Earth for 65 million years.
- 3 I last was in Australia in 2002.  
I ..... to Australia since 2002.
- 4 She smoked her last cigarette two months ago.  
She ..... for two months.
- 5 The last murder in this town was twelve years ago.  
There ..... a murder in this town for twelve years.
- 6 He last phoned me on Monday.  
He ..... since Monday.



- 0 He hasn't made a new film for three years.  
He last *made a film* three years ago.
- 1 I haven't had a party since my birthday.  
I last ..... on my birthday.
- 2 Mary hasn't eaten anything for two days.  
Mary last ..... two days ago.
- 3 Italy hasn't won the World Cup since 2006.  
Italy last ..... in 2006.
- 4 There hasn't been a strike for six months.  
There last ..... six months ago.
- 5 They haven't danced together since John's party.  
They last ..... at John's party.
- 6 You haven't spoken for ten minutes.  
You last ..... ten minutes ago.

Present simple

**Present simple attivo**

*make / makes / can make*

*They make this car in Japan.*

*You must lock this door.*

*You can download it.*



**Present simple passivo**

*are made / is made / can be made*

*This car is made in Japan.*

*This door must be locked.*

*It can be downloaded.*

**Osserva l'esempio, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.**

- 0 Mrs Jenkins cleans the office every evening.  
The office *is cleaned* every evening by Mrs Jenkins.
- 1 A Swedish company makes these bookshelves.  
These bookshelves ..... a Swedish company.
- 2 Students write all the articles in the school magazine.  
All the articles in the school magazine ..... students.
- 3 They don't serve wine in that restaurant.  
Wine ..... in that restaurant.
- 4 Nobody checks passports at the airport.  
Passports ..... at the airport.
- 5 We can develop your films in half an hour.  
Your films ..... in half an hour.
- 6 Students must leave their bicycles outside the school gates.  
Bicycles ..... outside the school gates.

Quando il soggetto della frase attiva è un pronome personale o indefinito, spesso la frase passiva è priva di complemento d'agente:

*Someone checks the tickets at the door.*

*The tickets are checked at the door ~~by someone~~.*



- 0 The scientist is helped by two assistants.  
Two assistants *help the scientist*.
- 1 The children are taken to school by bus.  
A bus ..... to school.
- 2 Her temperature is checked by a nurse every two hours.  
A nurse ..... every two hours.
- 3 These cars are made in Brazil.  
They ..... in Brazil.
- 4 His books are not read anymore.  
No one ..... anymore.
- 5 The dog must be fed twice a day.  
You must ..... twice a day.
- 6 The batteries should not be removed when the phone is connected to the line.  
Don't ..... when the phone is connected to the line.



**Past simple attivo**

*made / could make*

*My uncle painted these.*

*A boy found the dog.*

*They sold the house last year.*



**Past simple passivo**

*was made / were made / could be made*

*These were painted by my uncle.*

*The dog was found by a boy.*

*The house was sold last year.*

**2 Osserva l'esempio, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.**

0 Carol and Jane met me at the airport.

I *was met* at the airport by Carol and Jane.

1 The police discovered the corpse yesterday.

The corpse ..... the police yesterday.

2 The children sang some Christmas carols.

Some Christmas carols ..... the children.

3 No one in his family appreciated music.

Music ..... by anyone in his family.

4 They did not know the Beatles in Italy at the time.

The Beatles ..... in Italy at the time.

5 We could see the lights of the camp in the distance.

The lights of the camp ..... in the distance.

6 No ship could reach the island because of the bad weather.

The island could ..... by ship because of the bad weather.



0 The show was watched by millions of people.

Millions of people *watched the show*.

1 These tombs were built by the Etruscans.

The Etruscans .....

2 The boy was not encouraged by his parents.

The boy's parents ..... him.

3 The truth was not discovered until a year later.

Only a year later someone .....

4 Dogs were not allowed in the shop.

They ..... dogs in the shop.

5 My essay had to be written again.

I ..... my essay again.

6 His voice could not be heard in the confusion.

They ..... his voice in the confusion.

## Reported Speech

### Discorso e domande dirette

"Who are you?"

"I saw it."

"Where have you been?"



### Discorso e domande indirette

He asked me who I was.

She said she had seen it.

She asked where I had been.

**Osserva gli esempi, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.**

0 Jennifer asked, "What time is it?"

Jennifer asked what *time it was*.

1 They said, "We went to the concert".

They said they ..... the concert.

2 The policeman asked me, "Where do you live?"

The policeman asked me where .....

3 "Are the children in the class?" the teacher asked.

The teacher asked if ..... in the class.

4 The receptionist said, "Your room is ready".

The receptionist said my room .....

5 "What languages do you speak?" the examiner asked me.

The examiner asked me what .....

6 Tim said, "I can play the piano".

Tim said ..... the piano.

Ricorda i principali cambiamenti di tempi verbali nel passaggio dal discorso diretto a quello indiretto:

*is / are* → *was / were*

*present simple* → *past simple*

*past simple* → *past perfect*

*present perfect*

*can* → *could*



0 The girl asked if she could leave the room.

The girl asked, "*Can I leave* the room?"

1 My father said a letter had come for me the day before.

My father said, "A letter ..... yesterday".

2 The young man asked where the toilets were.

The young man asked, "..... the toilets?"

3 The nurse said I could leave now.

The nurse said, "..... now".

4 My friends asked me if I would like to join them.

My friends asked, "..... to join us?"

5 Mary asked why I was crying.

"Why .....?", asked Mary.

6 The fireman said there had been a fire the day before.

"..... a fire yesterday", said the fireman.

**Ordini e richieste dirette**

- "Can you lend me ..."
- "Close the window."
- "Will you carry the bag, please Tim?"
- "Be quiet careful, boys."



**Ordini e richieste indirette**

- She asked me to lend her ...
- He told me to close the window.
- She asked Tim to carry the bag.
- He told the boys to be careful.

**2 Osserva gli esempi, poi riscrivi le frasi che seguono.**

- 0 She asked, "Can you be quiet, children?"  
She asked the children *to be quiet*.
- 1 They told me, "Show us your papers".  
They told me ..... my papers.
- 2 "Please don't go", she said.  
She asked him .....
- 3 The teacher told the students, "Don't start writing yet".  
The teacher told the students ..... writing yet.
- 4 The old man asked me, "Can you stop for a moment?"  
The old man asked me ..... a moment.
- 5 I asked you, "Can you be punctual for once?"  
I asked you ..... for once.
- 6 The king told his servant, "Get my horse ready".  
The king told his servant ..... horse ready.

... al cambiamento di pronomi personali e aggettivi possessivi:  
*She said, "Give me your address".*  
  
*She asked me to give her my address.*



- 0 You asked me to buy some bread.  
You asked, "*Can you buy* some bread?"
- 1 We told the boys to wait outside.  
We said, "....., boys".
- 2 Helen and Jane asked me to give them a lift to school.  
Helen and Jane asked me, "Can ..... a lift to school?"
- 3 Ray told Sofia not to tell anyone.  
Ray said, "....., Sofia".
- 4 The policeman asked us to move on.  
"Can ..... ?" asked the policeman.
- 5 I told the waiter to bring me the bill.  
I told the waiter, "..... bill, please".
- 6 The receptionist asked her to spell her name.  
The receptionist asked, "Can ..... your name, please?"