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Pronunciation

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TO THE TEACHER

Teach your students the concept of "stress and linking in comparisons".

Stress and linking in comparisons with *as…as*

In comparisons with *as*, we stress the adjective and words like *just*, *almost*, or *nearly*. The word *as* is usually unstressed and pronounced /əz/, with the short, weak vowel /ə/. We link *as* to the words around it.

Play the video once and focus on the concept you have already taught.



Watch the video and pay attention to the "stress and linking in comparisons."

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A 07-08 Listen. Notice the stress and linking. Then listen and repeat.

The job isn't as easy as I expected.

She's just as experienced as her co-workers.



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B ▶07-09 **Listen. Write the missing words.**

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Ask your students to read the part focusing on pronunciation.

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READ THE SENTENCES AND PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR PRONUNCIATION.