

than [ðæn, ðən] *сj*

1. *после сравнительной степени прилагательных и наречий вводит второй элемент сравнения чем; передаётся тж. род. падежом*

I know you better than he [she] - я знаю вас лучше, чем он [она]

have you something better than this? - есть ли у вас что-нибудь получше?

we arrived earlier than usual - мы приехали раньше обычного

easier said than done - легче сказать, чем сделать

he deceived us worse than if he had told us an outright lie - он бы не так жестоко обманул нас, если бы просто солгал

he has more than doubled his output - он увеличил выработку больше чем вдвое

he is more than twenty - ему больше двадцати

2. *после слов, обозначающих несходство (other, another, otherwise, else), указывает на различие, исключение как, кроме*

any person other than himself - любой, кроме него

he could not have behaved otherwise than he did - он не мог вести себя иначе

no(ne) other than - не кто иной, как

he was no other than your brother - он оказался не кем иным, как вашим братом

anywhere else than at home - где угодно, только не дома

this is due to nothing else than his obstinacy - это объясняется не чем иным, как его упрямством /исключительно его упрямством/

3. *вводит инфинитив, обозначающий отвергаемое действие чтобы*

he knows better than to start a quarrel - он не так глуп, чтобы затеять ссору

4. *в сочетании с no sooner в главном предложении вводит придаточное как, когда*

no sooner had he left the boat than it sank - не успел он покинуть лодку, как она пошла ко дну

5. *в грам. знач. предлога по сравнению с, чем; передаётся тж. род. падежом*

she is taller than me - *разг.* она выше меня

a writer than whom there is no finer - писатель, лучше которого нет

a man than whom no one was more respected - человек, которого уважали больше всех; самый уважаемый человек

6. *в сочетаниях:*

rather than - скорее чем

this is grey rather than blue - это скорее серое, чем голубое

would rather /sooner/ ... than - лучше /скорее/ ... чем

I'd rather stay at home than go with you - я предпочитаю остаться дома /лучше остаться дома/, чем идти с вами

he would die rather than yield - он скорее умрёт, чем сдастся

had better ... than - *указывает на желательность, целесообразность* лучше ... чем

you'd better speak to him than write - лучше поговорите с ним, чем писать

more than once - не раз

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than *BrE* [ðən] ^m *NAmE* [ðæn] ^m rare strong form [ðæn] ^m *NAmE* [ðæn] ^m

preposition, conjunction

1. used to introduce the second part of a comparison

- I'm older than her.
- There was more whisky in it than soda.
- He loves me more than you do.
- It was much better than I'd expected.
- You should know better than to behave like that.
- I'd rather email than phone, if that's OK by you.

2. more/less/fewer, etc. ~ used for comparing amounts, numbers, distances, etc.

- It nevertakes more than an hour.
- It's less than a mile to the beach.
- There were fewer than twenty people there.

3. used in expressions showing that one thing happens straight after another

- **No sooner** had I sat down **than** there was a loud knock on the door.
- **Hardly** had we arrived **than** the problems started.

see other than **at** ↑ **other** ^{adj.}

Word Origin:

[**than**] Old English than(ne), thon(ne), thænne, originally the same word as ↑ **then**.

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than *S1 W1* /ðən; *strong* ðæn/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m conjunction, preposition

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1. used when comparing two things, people, situations etc:

- Natalie was prettier than her sister.
- You need that money more than I do.
- There were more people there than I expected.
- If it costs more than \$60, I won't buy it.
- She had woken even earlier than usual.
- Divorce is more common than it was a generation ago.

2. **other than** except for a particular person or thing:

" We never go to church other than for funerals and weddings.

" We know he lived in Fleet Road, but other than that we don't know much about him.

3. **would rather/would sooner ... than** used to say that you prefer one thing to another:

" I'd rather drive than go by train.

" She said she'd rather die than live in the city.

4. **no sooner/hardly had ... than** used to say that one thing happens immediately after another thing:

" No sooner had I got into the house than the phone rang.

" Hardly had they reached Edinburgh than they were ordered to return to London.

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