

TRANSFORMATION OF SENTENCES

INTERCHANGE OF THE DEGREES OF
COMPARSION.

Transformation of sentences can also be done by changing the degrees of comparison.
There are three types of degrees of comparison

1. Positive Degree
2. Comparative Degree
3. Superlative Degree

When a person, place or an object is compared with the rest of its kind,

- Vin is the cleverest boy in the class(Superlative Degree)
- Vin is cleverer than any other boy in the class. (Comparative Degree)
- No other boy in the class is as clever as Vin. (Positive Degree)

When a person, place or an object is compared with few of its kind,

- The Krishna is one of the holiest rivers I have ever known(Superlative Degree)
- The Krishna is holier than most other rivers I have ever known. (Comparative Degree)
- Very few rivers (I know) are as holy as the Krishna. (Positive Degree)

When a person, place or an object is compared with another of its kind,

- Aurangabad is hotter than Nagpur. (Comparative Degree)
- .Nagpur is not as hot as Aurangabad. (Positive Degree)

In this case, no superlative degree is possible.

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Examples :

Superlative: He was the cleverest boy in the class.

Comparative: He was cleverer than any other boy in the class.

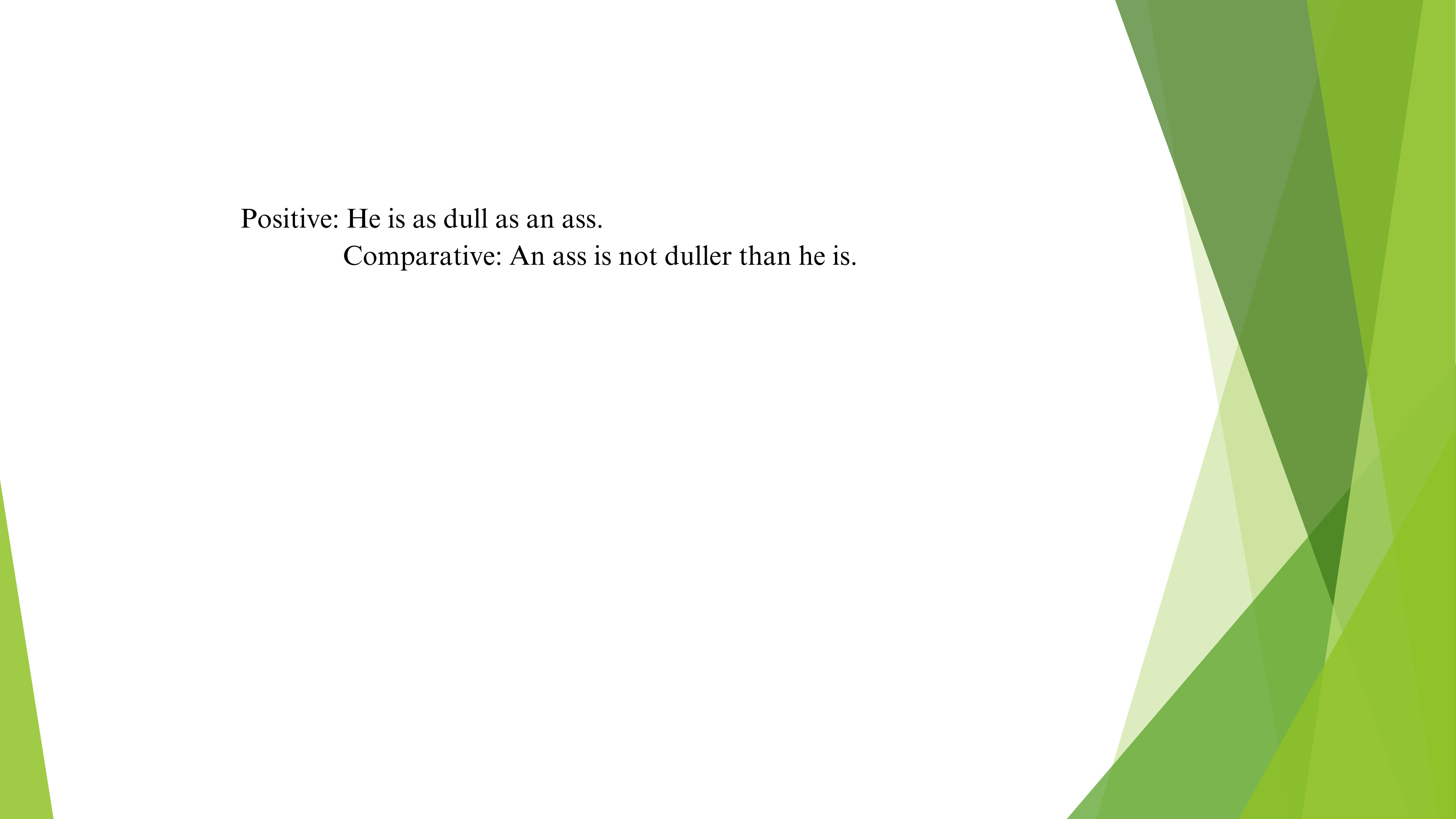
Positive: No other boy is as clever as he is.

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Superlative: Chennai is one of the hottest cities in India.

Comparative: Chennai is hotter than most other cities in India.

Positive: Very few cities in India are as hot as Chennai.

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Positive: He is as dull as an ass.

Comparative: An ass is not duller than he is.

Do it yourself(Change the degree of Comparison)

Hercules was stronger than any other mythological figure.

Mt. Everest is higher than all other peaks.

Everest is the highest peak in the world.

Kashmir is the most beautiful place I have seen.

Sohan is not as smart as Mohan

INTERCHANGE OF AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE.

Transformation is changing the form of a sentence without changing its meaning. While transforming sentences from one form to the other, students should have a fairly good knowledge about the kinds of sentence and their formation.

Affirmative sentences are simple sentences with no negative word in them. Negative sentences always carry with them a negative word. Here the sentence must maintain the same meaning after the conversion. Whereas the word 'not' in the negative sentences should be removed to convert them into affirmative sentences.

Examples

Affirmative: Neelam is the most beautiful girl in the class.

Negative: No other girl in the class is as beautiful as Neelam is.

Negative: No one could deny that she is pretty.

Affirmative: Everyone accepts that she is pretty.

Negative : Students generally do not remember even small things.

Affirmative: Students generally forget even small things.

Do it yourself (Change from Affirmative to Negative)

Buddha believed something to be true.

Except Rama, all know the secret of the mission.

Everything in this world has a price.

It is easy to count the stars on a starry night.

Everyone tried to maintain pin drop silence.

INTERCHANGE OF ASSERTIVE AND INTERROGATIVE.

An assertive sentence can be changed into an interrogative sentence by putting the auxiliary verb before the subject and give it a question form.

EXAMPLES

Interrogative: Is there anything like honesty in this world?

Assertive: There is nothing like honesty in this world.

Interrogative: Are you sure of his criminal tendencies?

Assertive: I am not sure of his criminal tendencies.

Assertive: I never asked you to do it.

Interrogative: Did I ever ask you to do it?

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Do it yourself

The children will learn to be prudent.

The colony is not kept very clean now a days.

Money cannot buy health