C1 Advanced
C2 Proficiency

ADVANCED COMPARATIVES

not anything near not anywhere near nowhere near not in any way in no way not anything like nothing like not at all not nearly not quite



Examples

not anything near: not at all, not in any way

• I wasn't expecting anything near as good as this.

not anywhere/ nowhere near as...as: not nearly /very much less

He's nowhere near as popular as he used to be.

not in any way / in no way as...as: not at all

This second match was in no way as exciting as the first.

not anything like as...as: not at all /not nearly

The exam wasn't anything like as hard as I expected.

nothing like as...as: not at all /not nearly

• Iron is nothing like as hard as diamond.

not at all as...as: definitely not

• Fitting a floor is not at all as hard as it may seem.

not nearly as...as: much less than; not at all

It's not nearly as late as I thought it was.

not quite as...as: not completely

• The weather was not quite as nice as on our two previous trips.