



# CONSIDER

✗ ✓  
LESS COMMON  
(wrong according to  
Cambridge English  
dictionary)

✓  
COMMON

✓✓  
MORE COMMON

I consider you  
**as** my best  
friends!!

I consider you  
**to be** my best  
friends!!

I consider you  
my best  
friends!!



## Consider / Consider as / Consider to be

Consider the following sentences:

He is currently considered **as** the best British athlete.  
He is currently considered **to be** the best British athlete.  
He is currently considered the best British athlete.

The ones without **as** are more idiomatic, but even so, "**as**" constructions are perfectly idiomatic too. Although they are not as common in recent use as they have been in the past, they are still in use and are standard. However, **to be** on the safe side, you should avoid using them, since "**as**" constructions have many critics. One among them is the Cambridge English dictionary :



Cambridge  
Dictionary

### Warning:

We don't use **as** with *consider*.

*We **consider this to be** a very serious issue.*

Not: ~~We consider this as a very serious issue.~~