

Equality

Verb + **LI** = as ____ as ____

Verb + **IB YAM** = exactly as ____ as ____

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(If the first word is not a verb, we would include the word "zoo" as in "my knife is like yours" = "kuv rab riam zoo li koj rab.")

Ntshiab li dej = Clear as water

Huv ib Yam li txhuv = As clean as rice

Verb + **THOOJ (LI)** ... = similar, like

Koj thooj li nws = You look like him

Verb + **CUAG (LI)** = Equal, the same.

Nws siab cuag tsob ntoo = He is as tall as a tree

Verb + **NPAUM (LI)** .. = The same amount, same quantity.

Nws muaj nyiaj npaum li kuv = He has the same amount of money as me

Verb + **LUAJ (LI)** = As big (or small) as, equal to the size of

Nws loj luaj li kuv = He is as big as me

Nws me luaj nrig = It's as big as a fist

Verb + **XWS LI** = Such as, as in...

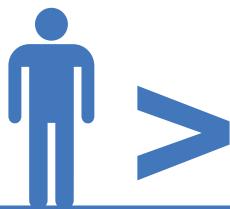
Ob tug no, ib tug zoo xws tug = These two look alike

Hais Ius mos muag xws li kuv hlub koj = Say gentle things such as I love you

The negative marker can come either before the verb or before the comparison word, as in:

Tsis ntsiab li dej (or) Ntshiab tsis li dej

Tsis siab cuag kuv (or) Siab tsis cuag kuv.



Superiority

Verb + DUA

Verb + TSHAJ

Nws loj dua kuv = He is greater than me

Nws loj tshaj kuv = He is greater than me

The negative marker should be put before the verb which precedes "dua," but can never come before "dua" which is not a verb.

Nws tsis loj dua (kuv)

Nws tsis loj tshaj (kuv) (or) Nws loj tsis tshaj (kuv)



Absolute Superlative (very)

Verb + KAWG = To the end, extreme limit

Verb + HEEV = Very

Verb + TIAG = Really, truly

Verb + TAS TAS = Absolutely

Zoo kawg = Great Zoo heev = Very good

Zoo tiag tiag = Really good Zoo tas tas = Absolutely good



Relative Superlative (the most)

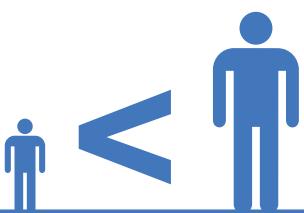
Verb + DUA + COV, TEJ = The most

Verb + TSHAJ + COV NYOB HAUVEV = The most of

Nws yog tus loj dua cov = He is the greatest of them

Nws yog tus loj dua cov tub tas huv si = He is the greatest of them all

Nws yog tus loj dua nyob hauv lawv = He is the greatest of them all



Inferior (less than, the least)

The inferior form doesn't exist in itself and therefore needs to be said in a roundabout way.

"Less than" is really said as "not as much as," and "the least," is really said as, "not as much as," or as, "the most + opposite verb."

Nws ntse tsis npaum kuv = He is not as intelligent as me

..... = He is less intelligent than me

Nws ntse tsis npaum cov = He is not as intelligent (as these)

..... = He less intelligent.

Nws ruam tshaj lawv = He is stupider than them

..... = He is the least intelligent

↑↑ The Same (the former)

Classifier + noun + QUB = The former, the previous one

Verb + (LI) QHOV QUB = as before

If we cannot find a verb that is suitable for "li qhov qub," we can always supplement with "zoo."

Noj mov lub caij qub tas zog = Always eat at the same time

Niaj hnub yog tus qub tuaj = The same ones come each day

Xyuas nws ntau dua yav qub = Visit him more often than previously

Nws hais zoo li qhov qub = He always says the same as before

Nws ua zoo li qhov qub = He always does the same as before



Difference

TXAWV + noun

ZOO TSIS IB YAM LI

Kuv lub tsev txawv koj lub = My house is different than yours