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## Word bank

Mandarin	Transcription	Translation
随和	suíhé	easygoing
妹妹	mèimei	younger sister
高	gāo	tall
懒	lǎn	lazy
好吃	hǎo chī	tasty
饺子馆	Jiǎozigōng	Dumpling Palace
红灯笼	Hóngdēnglong	Red Lantern
面条	miàntiáo	noodle
春卷	chūnjuǎn	spring roll

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## 1 Fill in blanks with 不如 (bùrú), 没有 (méiyǒu), 与其 (yǔqí) ...不如 (bùrú).

- a. 说得好\_\_\_\_做得好。  
Shuōde hǎo \_\_\_ zuòde hǎo.  
Actions speak louder than words.
- b. 这家餐馆\_\_\_\_那家餐馆难吃。  
Zhèjiā cānguǎn \_\_\_ nàjiā cānguǎn nán chī.  
This restaurant's food is not as bad as that one.
- c. \_\_\_\_ 买外卖, \_\_\_\_ 自己做。  
\_\_\_\_ mǎi wàimài, \_\_\_\_\_ zìjǐ zuò.  
Instead of buying takeaway, make it yourself.
- d. 我的数学\_\_他。  
Wǒde shùxué \_\_\_ tā.  
My math is inferior to his.

## 2 Rearrange the following words to make a correct sentence. Pay particular attention to the use of 不如 (bùrú), 不比 (bùbǐ), 没有 (méiyǒu).




- a. 随和, 如, 他, 妹妹, 不, 他  
suíhé, rú, tā, mèimei, bù, tā  
He is not as easy going as his younger sister.
- b. 高, 不, 她, 我, 比  
gāo, bù, tā, wǒ, bǐ  
She is not taller than I.
- c. 你, 有, 懒, 他, 没  
nǐ, yǒu, lǎng, tā, méi  
He is not as lazy as you.
- d. 没, 面条, 好吃, 有, 春卷  
méi, miàntiáo, hǎochī, yǒu, chūnjuǎn  
Noodles are not as tasty as spring rolls.

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**3** You have just had dinner in a Chinese restaurant called Dumpling Palace, and you think the food is not as good as that of the Red Lantern. Write an online review in Chinese, based on the following information and include 不如 (bùrú).

Food	Photo	Red Lantern	Dumpling Palace
a. dumplings		√	X
b. noodles		√	X
c. spring rolls		√	X

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- a. 说得好不如做得好  
Shuōde hǎo bùrú zuòde hǎo.
- b. 这家餐馆没有那家餐馆好吃。  
Zhèjiā cānguǎn méiyǒu nàjiā cānguǎn nán chī.
- c. 与其买外卖, 不如自己做。  
Yǔqí mǎi wàimài, bùrú zìjǐ zuò.
- d. 我的数学不如他。  
Wǒde shùxué bùrú tā.

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- a. 他不如他妹妹随和。  
Tā bùrú tā mèimei suíhé.  
He is not as easy going as his younger sister.
- b. 她不比我高。  
Tā bùbǐ wǒ gāo.  
She is not taller than I.
- c. 他没有你懒。  
Tā méiyǒu nǐ lǎn.  
He is not as lazy as you.
- d. 面条没有春卷好吃。  
Miàntiáo méiyǒu chūnjuǎn hǎochī.  
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- a. 饺子宫的饺子不如红灯笼的好吃。  
Jiǎozigōng de jiǎozi bùrú Hóngdēnglong de hǎo chī.  
The dumplings in the Dumpling Palace are not as delicious as those in the Red Lantern.
- b. 饺子宫的面条不如红灯笼的好吃。  
Jiǎozigōng de miàntiáo bùrú Hóngdēnglong de hǎo chī.  
The noodles in the Dumpling Palace are not as delicious as those in the Red Lantern.
- c. 饺子宫的春卷不如红灯笼的好吃。  
Jiǎozigōng de chūnjuǎn bùrú Hóngdēnglong de hǎo chī.  
The spring rolls in the Dumpling Palace are not as delicious as those in the Red Lantern.

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