

As long as: expressing time

The **as ... as** construction is used when we are making comparisons and comparing ideas of similar magnitude or duration

- *There was extra time, so the football match lasted as long as the concert.*
- *He worked for as long as he wanted to on the project.*
"Take as long as you like," they said. "There's no hurry!"
- *As long as I live, I shall smoke no more cigarettes.*

As long as: expressing condition

Note that **as long as** is also used in **conditional sentences** as an alternative to **provided**, meaning **if and only if**. **So long as** is also possible in this context:

- *I don't mind. You can leave early, as long as you finish the work.*
- *I don't mind. You can go home early, so long as you finish the work.*
- *I don't mind. You can leave after lunch, provided you finish all the work.*