

만큼

as much as, to the same degree

Says two things match. Sits in the same slot as 보다, but where 보다 measures a gap, 만큼 says there is none.

HOW TO ATTACH IT

Any noun	만큼 — joined	형만큼 커요
Falling short	만큼 + negative	생각만큼 어렵지 않아요
After a modifier	-(으)ㄴ/는 만큼	노력한 만큼
Amount	이만큼, 그만큼	이만큼 주세요
Gap instead	보다	형보다 커요
Resemblance instead	처럼	형처럼 웃어요

WHEN TO USE IT

With a noun it attaches directly and never changes shape: 형만큼 커요 (as tall as my brother). The noun is the yardstick, exactly as with 보다.

In the negative it becomes the standard way to say something falls short: 생각만큼 어렵지 않아요 — not as hard as I thought. This is where you will meet it most often.

It also attaches to a modifier to compare whole clauses: 노력한 만큼 결과가 나와요 (you get results in proportion to your effort). Here 만큼 takes a space, because it follows a modifier rather than a noun.

IN USE

- 동생이 벌써 형만큼 커요.
My younger brother is already as tall as the older one.
- 시험이 생각만큼 어렵지 않았어요.
The exam wasn't as hard as I'd expected.
- 저도 그 사람만큼 한국어를 잘하고 싶어요.
I want to speak Korean as well as he does.
- 노력한 만큼 결과가 나올 거예요.
You'll get results in proportion to your effort.
- 이만큼만 주세요.
Just this much, please.
- 오늘은 어제만큼 춥지 않아요.
It isn't as cold as yesterday today.

COMPARED WITH

보다

Same slot, opposite verdict. 보다 says one exceeds the other; 만큼 says they are equal. Drilling them as a pair is the fastest way to keep them straight.

형보다 커요. (taller than) / 형만큼 커요. (as tall as)

처럼

처럼 says something resembles another; 만큼 measures degree. 가수처럼 노래해요 is about style; 가수만큼 잘해요 is about level.

가수처럼 노래해요. (sings like one) / 가수만큼 잘해요. (as good as one)

정도

정도 also expresses extent but usually follows a number or an amount, closer to English "about."

한 시간만큼 (as much as an hour — unusual) / 한 시간 정도 (about an hour)

WATCH OUT

X 시험이 생각만큼 어려웠어요. — meaning "not as hard as expected"

O 시험이 생각만큼 어렵지 않았어요.

Without a negative, 생각만큼 어려웠어요 says it was exactly as hard as you expected. The negative is what produces "not as... as."

X 동생이 형만큼 더 커요.

O 동생이 형만큼 커요.

더 belongs with 보다, which measures a difference. 만큼 states equality and takes no 더.

X 노력한만큼 결과가 나와요.

O 노력한 만큼 결과가 나와요.

After a modifier, 만큼 is a separate word and takes a space. Attached to a bare noun it joins directly: 형만큼.