

Today's Pattern (今日のパターン)

Use of 'no less than', 'not less than', 'no more than', 'not more than'

(比較の表現 : no less than / not less than / no more than / not more than)

Today's Sentence (今日の例文)

The product costs no less than \$500. (その製品は 500 ドル以上します。)

The product costs not less than \$500. (その製品は安くても 500 ドルはします。)

The product costs no more than \$500. (その製品は 500 ドル以下です。)

The product costs not more than \$500. (その製品は高くても 500 ドルです。)



Objectives of This Material (このテキストの目的)

1. Broaden word expressions, not only to understand but also to construct them.  
(基本文型を理解するだけでなく、使いこなせるようになる)
2. Gain confidence in speaking by completing simple practice conversations  
(簡単な会話練習から始めて、英会話の自信をつける)
3. Feel your progress and enjoy English!  
(自分の上達を実感し、英語を楽しむ)

Previous Lessons Review (これまでのレッスンの復習) (5-10 mins)

Directions: Practice the sentence pattern of your previous lessons. (これまで学習したパターンを復習しましょう)

0-1. – enough – to –

**Tutor:** I could not sleep last night. It was too hot! You felt it too, right?

**Student:** No, I thought it was okay. It was just warm enough for me to \_\_\_\_\_.

0-2. It is (adjective) – to –

**Tutor:** What do you think of English?

**Student:** I think it is interesting to \_\_\_\_\_.

0-3. (be) supposed to –

**Tutor:** Why are you angry?

**Student:** This box is supposed to have been \_\_\_\_\_.

0-4. as... as... / not as...as / not so...as...

**Tutor:** Do you think playing the piano is as easy as playing the guitar?

**Student:** I think that it's not as \_\_\_\_\_.

0-5. Progressive Comparison (e.g. more and more / better and better)

**Tutor:** How do you feel when you celebrate your birthday?

**Student:** I feel \_\_\_\_\_.

## Grammar Review (文法の復習) (5-10 mins)

'no more than' vs 'not more than'

The difference in the usage of *no more than* and *not more than* is hardly distinguishable.

Examples:           The product costs *no more than* \$500.  
                           The product costs *not more than* \$500.

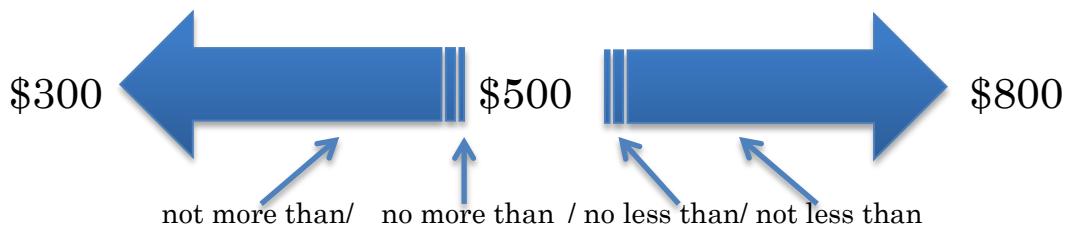
In the examples above, there's not much difference. Both sentences still keep the limit to \$500. *No more than* is less on equivalency. Looking at Example 1, the product costs at most \$500. It could cost less. On the other hand, *not more than* emphasizes more the limit or restriction. In Example 2, the product costs less than \$500. It should not cost more than the said limit.

'no less than' vs. 'not less than'

As for the usage of *no less than* and *not less than*, the concept is the same.

Examples:           The product costs *no less than* \$500.  
                           The product costs *not less than* \$500.

In the set of examples above, *no less than* means it only costs \$500 or more. In the second example, the lower limit (\$500) is clearly defined. It could be more but never less than \$500.



no more than と not more than

no more than と not more than を比較してみましょう。

例文 1 : The product costs *no more than* \$500.  
(その製品は 500 ドル以下です。)

例文 2 : The product costs *not more than* \$500.  
(その製品は高くても 500 ドルです。)

どちらの例でも、500 ドルという上限が設けられています。

**no more than** は「...以下」という意味です。例文 1 は、その製品は高くとも 500 ドルで、もっと安いこともあるというニュアンスです。

一方、**not more than** は、上限を強調します。例文 2 は、その製品は 500 ドルを下回ることはあっても上回ることはないというニュアンスです。

no less than と not less than

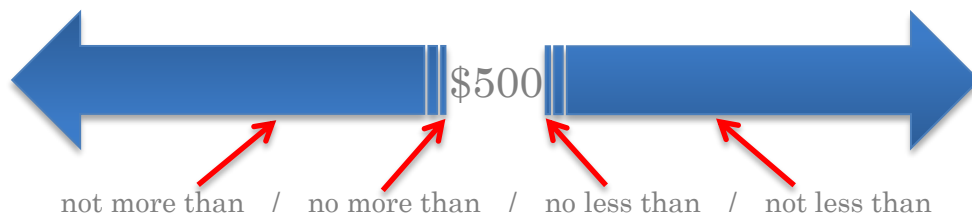
no less than と not less than を比較してみましょう。

例文 3 : The product costs *no less than* \$500.  
(その製品は 500 ドル以上します。)

例文 4 : The product costs *not less than* \$500.  
(その製品は安くても 500 ドルはします。)

**no less than** は「...以上」という意味です。例文 3 は、その製品は安くとも 500 ドルで、もっと高いこともあるというニュアンスです。

一方、**not less than** は、下限を強調します。例文 4 は、その製品は 500 ドルを上回ることはあっても下回ることはないというニュアンスです。



Exercise 1 (エクササイズ 1) (2-4 mins)

Directions: Repeat after your tutor. (講師に続けて言ってください)

*Example:*            *The product costs no more than \$500.*

(例文: その製品は 500 ドル以下です。)

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| 1-1.    The teacher instructed the       | students to explain their answer in no more than fifteen sentences.<br>(答えを 15 文以下で説明するよう生徒に)<br>school bus driver to accommodate not more than 300 students.<br>(生徒を 300 人まで乗せるようスクールバスの運転手に)<br>team to recruit not more than six members.<br>(メンバーを 6 人まで獲得するようチームに) |
| 1-2.    She arrived at the meeting place | in no less than an hour.<br>bringing not less than a dozen apples.<br>carrying not less than three bags.  |

Exercise 2 (エクササイズ 2) (3-6 mins)

Directions: Complete the exercise below to make a sentence. (下の文を完成させてください)

*Example:*                    *The product costs no more than \$500.*  
(例文: その製品は 500 ドル以下です。)

- 2-1. \_\_\_\_\_ less than eight students flunked the exam.  
(8人\_\_\_\_の生徒が試験に落ちました。)
- 2-2. Every Korean male should serve in the military for \_\_\_\_\_ less than two years.  
(すべての韓国人男性が2年\_\_\_\_の兵役に服さなければなりません。)
- 2-3. A minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ less than five-year sentence is required for reckless driving.  
(無謀運転には、最低5年\_\_\_\_の懲役が科せられます。)
- 2-4. The bullet train was so fast; we reached the next station in \_\_\_\_\_ more than 5 minutes.  
(新幹線はとても速いので、次の駅に5分\_\_\_\_に着きました。)
- 2-5. Her score should be \_\_\_\_\_ less than 100, or she will fail in this subject.  
(成績が100点\_\_\_\_でなければ、彼女はこの教科の単位を落とすことになります。)

## Exercise 3 (エクササイズ 3) (3-6 mins)

Directions: Match the words below to make a correct sentence or phrase. There may be multiple combinations. Choose the best answer. (左と右の言葉を組み合わせて文を完成させてください。対応する組み合わせはひとつとは限りませんが、その中で最も適切な答えを選びなさい。)

3-1. He's expected to work for	is no less than 2 pages.
3-2. The baby slept for	two hours around the park.
3-3. His reaction paper	no more than an hour last night.
3-4. She jogged for no more than	no less successful than their rival bidders.
3-5. HFS Construction Corp. is	no less than 8 hours each day.

3-6. There were no more than ten	not less than \$14 in my wallet.
3-7. We were only gone for not	30 dolls in her collection.
3-8. I could've sworn I counted	in a meal as required by my diet.
3-9. My sister has no less than	guests who RSVP'd but didn't attend.
3-10. I will eat not more than 250 calories	less than 30 minutes.

bidder: 入札者

RSVP: 【フランス語】招待状に出欠の返事をする

**Exercise 4** (エクササイズ 4) (3-6 mins)

Directions: Practice having a conversation with your tutor. (講師と会話の練習をしましょう)

**Tutor:** I rarely get to see you. Are you busy lately?

**Student:** Yes. I'm writing my term paper for my Philosophy class. Our professor instructed us to submit a term paper <not less than 20 pages / more or less 20 pages / less than 20 pages>.

**Tutor:** Twenty pages? Isn't that too long?

**Student:** I think it is all right since the topic is also broad. I will discuss euthanasia in my term paper. I think I can write a paper <less than / not less than / more than> 20 pages in length.

**Tutor:** Well, good for you.

**Student:** This paper is important. It comprises a big percentage of my final grade. I failed one of my subjects before and I should have <more than / not more than / not less than> two failed subjects this term if I want to graduate this year.

**Tutor:** I also had difficulty completing the requirements when I was still an undergraduate.

**Student:** I'm really doing my best but I feel like my efforts are <no more than / no less than / more than> the average student's.

**Tutor:** Don't pressure yourself too much. You need to be relaxed and focused.

euthanasia: 安楽死

comprise: ~を占める



Exercise 5 (エクササイズ 5) (3-6 mins)

Directions: Practice having a conversation with your tutor. (講師と会話の練習をしましょう)

- Tutor:** Your room looks great! It looks like it was done by a professional.  
(すてきな部屋ね！ プロがやったみたい。)
- Student:** Thanks! I gave it \_\_\_\_\_ than 100%. I put a lot of effort into it.  
(ありがとう。我ながら 100 パーセント\_\_\_\_の出来だと思う。すごくがんばったんだ。)
- Tutor:** It paid off. How much was your budget for this project?  
(大成功だね。費用はいくらくらいかかった?)
- Student:** I think I spent \_\_\_\_\_ than \$2500 in total.  
(全部で 2500 ドル\_\_\_\_かな。)
- Tutor:** Whew! That's a lot of money. How long did it take you to finish it?  
(うわー、大金じゃない！ どのくらいで完成したの?)
- Student:** It took me \_\_\_\_\_ than 2 weeks. It was pretty quick.  
(2 週間\_\_\_\_。早く済んだんだ。)
- Tutor:** Amazing! How many people worked on this project?  
(すごーい！ 何人で作業したの?)
- Student:** We were \_\_\_\_\_ than 3 people. My mom and dad helped out, to name a few.  
(私を入れて 3 人\_\_\_\_だったよ。お父さんとお母さんに手伝ってもらったの。)

(just) to name a few: 2~3 の例を挙げると

**Exercise 6** (エクササイズ 6) (5-10 mins)

Directions: Practice and enjoy a free talk with your tutor. (講師とフリートークを楽しんでください)

Guide Questions from the tutor: (講師は次の質問で会話を始めます)

- 6-1. How long have you been staying in your current address?
- 6-2. How far is your workplace or school from your home or apartment?
- 6-3. How much does an average person in your country spend for food in a day?
- 6-4. How many children do most families in your country have?