

Chirombo	wild beast	-pambana	surpass, excell -posa
Mkango	lion	-lingana	be equal
Kambuku 1	leopard	-siyana	be different
Njobvu	elephant	-fanana	be similar, resemble
Fisi 1	hyena	-nga	be like
Ng'ona	crocodile	-talika	be (too) long; high
Msinkhu	size	-fupika	be (too) short
Ukali	ferocity	-opsya	irighthen; be dreadful

Here are various constructions which convey more or less the notions of superiority "more.. than", inferiority "less.. than", equality "as . . as", or plenitude "very much", "too much". Very often these notions are expressed by the context itself, without the need of any additional word. For instance:

Malo ano achepa this place is small, or smaller, or too small.

more...than : **Mwana wanga ali wamkulu (: wakula); wanu wachepa.**

My child is bigger than yours. (. . wanu ali wamng'ono).

Mwana wanga ali wamkulu kopambana wanu (: koposa waru) adverb

Kodi ndi inu ndi ine, wamkulu ndani? Between you and me . . .

Ndi ichi ndi icho, chabwino ndi chiti?

Pa (or Mwa) nyumba ziri panozi, yabwino ndi iti? Out of these . . .

Mwana wanga, msinkhu wake, apambana wanuyu.

Njinga yanga ili yabwino kopambana yanuyo.

Nyumba yake ndi yaikulu; yanga ichepa.

less...than : **Munda wanga uchepa (: ndi wochepea); ndi waung'ono.**

Mwana wanga asiyana ndi wanu; nzeru zake ndi zochepea.

or "not as...as" **Mwana wanga nzeru zake salingana ndi...**

as...as : **Mwana wanga ali wamkulu chimodzimidzi uyu, the same as**

Mwana wanga msinkhu wake ukunga uyu (: ali wonga uyu)

Mwana wanga kukula kwake ali wonga uyu. his size

Mwana wang ali wamkulu monga uyu (: ngati uyu). like, as (adverbs)

Nyumba yanga kukula kwake ili monga ngati iyo.

Mwana wanga msinkhu wake akulingana ndi uyo (: afanana ndi uyo)

Ndi mwana wanga ndi mwana wanu msinkhu wao ndi wolingana.

See the great variety of constructions, and also the inversions, quite common when we have a Possessive; a typical example:

Kodi mwana wa mphunzitsi dzina lake ndani?

Very...: **Adamanga nyumba yaikulu kwambiri (: ndithu : zedi)**
Ndinadwala kwakukulu (: kwabasi: kopambana extremely)

Padzakhala msonkhano waukulukulu (reduplication of the stem)

Inali mbalame yaing'onong'ono.

Kamwana kakang'onong'ono.

Nsaru yakuthaitha worn out.

Njinga yakufaiifa completely

Nyumba yosesasesa well swept.

Malaya abwinobwino.

too...: **Mwachedwa you are too late.**

Chingwe chatalika.

Wafulumira.

Nsungwi yafupika.

Ndalama zachepa : zaperewera : ndi zosakwanira.

Katundu achuluka ndipo galimoto lichepa.

How...? **Nyumba yanu ili yaikulu bwanji? (:...ndi yaikulu chotani?)**

Nyumba yanu ndi yotani kukula kwake? How big is it?

Mwana wanu ndi wotani msinkhu wake?

Ngongole yako ndi yaikulu bwanji? (: ikwana ndalama zingatii?)

rather. : **Mwana wake ali wamkulupo. Ana a sukulu achulukapo.**

Matenda ali bwanji?

— Ali bwinopo. (: pang'ono)

Anagwira nsomba zingapo. (: pang'ono) Anakhala pano masiku angapo.

Anali mmisiri wopanda mnzake. panalibe wina other wolingana naye.

1. What is the best relish, meat fish or eggs?
2. Here in Malawi the Indians are more numerous than the Europeans.
3. I have many friends; but this is the one whom I like the most.
4. He wears a new hat like mine; but his is white, mine is black.
5. There are many pictures in this book. Tell me, which is the best.
6. I have bought two bundles of bamboos; they are longer than these.
7. Which is the fiercest animal, the lion or the leopard?
8. Rats are bigger than mice, and have a long tail.
9. Which is the first and greatest commandment?
10. My car is not as big as yours, but it carries more luggage.
11. He asked me this question: What is the best, to marry or not to marry?
12. These two shirts are different, but the price is the same. mtengo
13. My younger brother and your sister have the same age. zaka
14. They were born on the same day. But your sister is taller.
15. How long was the snake which you killed yesterday?

Proverb: Nzimbe sadyera kutalika koma kutsekemera.