

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pair and group work

Language Focus

Comparatives and superlatives

Aim

To complete questions with comparative or superlative adjectives and then to predict a partner's answers to the questions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this rewarding comparatives and superlatives activity, students complete questions with comparative or superlative adjectives and then predict a partner's answers to the questions.

Procedure

Divide the students into two groups (A and B) and give each student a corresponding A or B worksheet.

Explain that the students are going to complete the questions on their worksheet with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

When the students have finished, check the comparative and superlative adjectives and review the questions with each group.

Answer key

Student A

1. the best
2. more popular
3. the most interesting
4. busier
5. the most important
6. more useful
7. the most talkative
8. more active
9. the most difficult
10. healthier

Student B

1. the funniest
2. worse
3. the safest
4. shorter
5. the most beautiful
6. happier
7. the most expensive
8. harder
9. the most exciting
10. more entertaining

Next, have each student pair up with someone from the other group.

Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

Without talking, the students predict their partner's answers to the questions and write them down in the second column.

Students then take it in turns to ask and answer the questions and compare their partner's answers with the predictions.

For each correct prediction, students score a point. The student with the most points at the end of the activity wins.

Finally, have the students tell the class what they found out about their partner. Any interesting findings can then be discussed in more detail.

Comparative and Superlative Predictions

Student A

Questions	My predicted answers
1. What is (good) country to live in?
2. Are you (popular) than your best friend?
3. Who is (interesting) person you know?
4. Are you (busy) during the week or at weekends?
5. What was (important) invention in history?
6. Is a laptop (useful) than a mobile phone?
7. Who is (talkative) person in this class?
8. Are you (active) in the mornings or evenings?
9. What is (difficult) thing about studying English?
10. Are vegetarians (healthy) than people who eat meat?



Student B

Questions	My predicted answers
1. Who is (funny) student in this class?
2. What is (bad) than failing exams?
3. What is (safe) form of transport?
4. Are you (short) than the average person?
5. What is (beautiful) city you have ever visited?
6. Are you (happy) now or when you were younger?
7. What is (expensive) thing you have ever bought?
8. Is learning maths (hard) than learning English?
9. What is (exciting) sport to watch?
10. Which is (entertaining), playing computer games or watching films?