

Activity Type

Speaking Activity:
ranking, forming
sentences from prompts,
guided discussion, freer
practice (pair work)

Focus

Comparatives and
superlatives

Preferences

Aim

To practice justifying
preferences using
comparative and
superlative adjectives.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
worksheet for each
student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this comparatives and superlatives questionnaire activity, students complete a preferences questionnaire and then discuss their choices using comparatives and superlatives.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Students read each question on the worksheet and order the items, according to their preferences.

Students mark number 1 for what they prefer the most and number 3 for what they prefer the least.

When the students have finished, divide them into pairs.

Explain that the students are now going to discuss their preferences with their partner using comparatives and superlatives.

Draw the students' attention to the example dialogue at the bottom of the worksheet and review the language with the class.

Pairs then discuss each question in turn using comparatives and superlatives.

Afterwards, get feedback from the class by asking students to explain their preferences.

A. Read each question. Write 1, 2, and 3 to indicate your order of preference. 1 is what you prefer the most and 3 is the least.

1. How do you prefer to get around?

..... public transport

..... car/motorbike

..... on foot/bicycle

2. When do you prefer to study English?

..... in the morning

..... in the afternoon

..... in the evening

3. Which animal would you prefer to have as a pet?

..... a dog

..... a cat

..... a fish

4. How do you prefer to learn English?

..... in class

..... by yourself at home

..... online

5. Which subject would you prefer to study?

..... art

..... English

..... science

6. Which form of entertainment do you prefer?

..... movies

..... music

..... games

7. Which would you prefer to have?

..... more homework

..... less homework

..... no homework

8. Which city would you prefer to visit?

..... Paris

..... Bangkok

..... New York

9. Where would you prefer to live?

..... a town/city

..... by the coast

..... the countryside

10. Which type of holiday do you prefer?

..... a beach holiday

..... a sightseeing holiday

..... a city break

B. Now, use comparatives and superlatives to explain your preferences to a partner.

