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

Focus
Comparatives and superlatives
Preferences

Aim
To complete a preferences questionnaire and then to discuss your preferences with a partner using comparatives and superlatives.

Preparation
Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level
Intermediate (B1)

Time
25 minutes

Introduction
Here is a comparatives and superlatives questionnaire activity to use in class with your students. In the activity, students complete a preferences questionnaire and then discuss their preferences with a partner using comparatives and superlatives.

Procedure
Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students to 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.

The pairs then discuss each question in turn using comparatives and superlatives.

When the students have finished, 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. 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.

How do you prefer to get around?

I prefer to get around by car because it's the most comfortable.

I prefer to get around by bicycle because it's healthier and better for the environment.