

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 them using comparatives and superlatives.

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 them with a partner 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.

