

Comparatives Board Game

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: changing word forms, asking and answering questions from prompts, freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Comparative conversation questions

Aim

To practice forming, asking and answering questions with comparative adjectives.

Preparation

Make one copy of the game board for each pair of students. Enlarge the game board to A3 if possible. You will also need to prepare a dice and two counters for each pair.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this comparatives board game, students change adjectives into their comparative forms and then use the comparative adjectives to ask and answer conversation questions.

Procedure

Before starting the game, review the rules for forming comparatives: add -er to short adjectives (clean > cleaner), use more with longer adjectives (delicious > more delicious), and remember irregular forms (good > better).

Next, divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a copy of the game board, a dice and two counters.

Students place their counters on the start square.

Students then take turns rolling the dice and moving their counter along the board.

When a student lands on a square, they change the adjective in the conversation question into its comparative form and then ask the question to their partner.

For example, if a student lands on 'Are you ... (happy) now or when you were a child?', they should ask 'Are you happier now or when you were a child?'

Their partner then answers the question in sentence form, explaining any reasons in more detail.

The two students continue taking turns to ask and answer the comparative conversation questions until one student reaches the finish. That student wins the game.

Afterwards, have a class feedback session to review the students' answers to the questions. Any interesting answers can then be discussed in more detail.

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Finish		Are you (creative) now or when you were younger?	Which room in your home is (clean), the kitchen or your bedroom?	Are you (smart) than your parents?	Are some people (lucky) than others or do people make their own luck?
Which is (healthy), eating good food or getting lots of exercise?		Go back 3 spaces			When do you usually feel (hungry), before lunch or before dinner?
Is it better to date someone who is (old) or (young) than you?		Who are (friendly), the boys or girls in your class?		Super skip! Move ahead	Are you (happy) now or when you were a child?
Which pet is (popular), cats or dogs?		Is the world (safe) now than it was 10 years ago?		Is there anything (delicious) than your mother's cooking?	
Miss a turn		When were you (busy), yesterday or the day before yesterday?		Does life get (complicated) the older you become?	
Is a mobile phone (useful) than a computer?		Is it (easy) to push or pull?		Is it (good) to study English in class or by yourself?	
Which is (safe), riding a bicycle or riding a motorbike?		Which building is (modern), your school or your house?		Which is (entertaining), watching films or playing computer games?	
Is living in the country (cheap) than living in the city?		Oh no! Go back		Which is (difficult) to learn, maths or English?	Who are (bad) drivers, men or women?
Move forward 2 spaces	Whose voice is (loud), yours or your best friend's?	Is it (important) to be kind or honest?			Start