

Teaching Materials

COMPARATIVE & SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

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Grammar Topic: Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

Lesson Topic: Teamwork makes the dream work!

Target Students: Primary 5 students in Hong Kong

Corpus Used: British National Corpus (BNC)

Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA)

Lesson Duration: 120 minutes

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the class, students will be able to:

1. Show an understanding of the formation of comparative and superlative adjectives.
2. Distinguish how the number of syllables affects the construction of comparatives and superlatives.
3. Write about an experience related to teamwork, incorporating comparatives and superlatives.
4. Foster an appreciation for the spirit of teamwork.

Stage 1: Contextualised Presentation

I. Journey to the West

Watch the video clip “[Journey to the West](#)” about the delivery of the True Scriptures to the emperor (2:19). Pay attention to the different characters, and answer the following questions.



1. Who is fatter than Wukong?
Bajie is fatter than Wukong.
2. Who is more hardworking than Bajie?
Wujing is more hardworking than Bajie.
3. Who is cuter than Wukong?
Bajie is cuter than Wukong.
4. Who is the shortest among the four characters?
Wukong is the shortest among the four characters.
5. Who is the most powerful in the team?
Wukong is the most powerful among the four characters.

6. Which character do you like the best? Why? (Open-ended question)

Stage 2: Corpus-based Learning Activities

Comparative Form

A. Read the sentences below. How many syllabuses do the highlighted words have?

1. Bajie is **fatter** than Wukong.
2. Bajie is **cuter** than Wukong.
3. The good old Sheikh has a **bigger** purse than Jack Walker.
4. Some fish seem to recover even **faster**.
5. The Italians were bigger, stronger and **older** than us.
6. I'm **taller** than John.
7. This team is getting **stronger** and stronger.
8. She was simply **cleverer** than us.
9. I need to be **gentler** and more patient with them in this area.

Find the rules:

1. These adjectives have _____ syllables. (1-2 / 3 or more)
2. To make the word compare, we usually add “_____” (-er / more) to the adjective.

B. Read the sentences below. How many syllabuses do the highlighted words have?

1. Wujing is **more hardworking** than Bajie.
2. The task of the police was made **more difficult** because of the complexity of the law.
3. I feel **more comfortable** in the States.
4. Digital cameras will become **more popular** as the quality of image improves.
5. I think I'm much **more famous** as Madonna's husband.
6. It was even **more delicious** than it looked.
7. Is it a lot **more expensive** than it would be in the producer country?
8. He told me he had seen a woman **more beautiful** than me.
9. The second innovation is **more interesting** and raises wider issues.

Choose the correct answers and fill in the blanks:

Find the rules:

1. These adjectives have _____ syllables. (1 / 2 or more)
2. To make the word compare, we usually add " _____ " (-er / more) _____ (before / after) the adjective.

III. Superlative Form

A. Read the sentences below. How many syllabuses do the highlighted words have?

- 1 Wukong is the **shortest** among the four characters.
- 2 There before him stood one of **the tallest, thinnest** men he had ever seen outside a circus.
- 3 He's **the laziest** of the three, but now he says it pays to be lazy.
- 4 It will necessarily have become **the widest** tent.
- 5 We believe that **the fastest** and most efficient way to achieve these goals is to educate.
- 6 You can win if you're not **the strongest** guy.
- 7 He moved toward **the nearest** campfire.
- 8 Two years later, this is **the easiest** job I've ever had.
- 9 Their work stands out as brave and uncompromising in **the bravest** and most uncompromising film of the year.

Choose the correct answers and fill in the blanks:

Find the rules:

1. These adjectives have _____ syllables. (1-2 / 3 or more)
2. To show the strongest form, we usually add "_____" (-est / most) to the adjective.

B. Read the sentences below. How many syllabuses do the highlighted words have?

- 1 Wukong is **the most powerful** among the four characters.
- 2 They are **the most hardworking** and sincere people I've ever known.
- 3 It had an amazing sitting room and **the most comfortable** bed.
- 4 Greens are **the most amazing** colors in nature but are for me **the most difficult** to paint.
- 5 Soccer and Basketball are currently considered to be the two of **the most popular** sports among the world's population.
- 6 The fire was burning out of control in Yellowstone National Park, **the most famous** national park in America.
- 7 I've lost 20 lbs while eating **the most delicious** food I've ever had.
- 8 I feel like I'm **the most confident** onstage.

Choose the correct answers and fill in the blanks:

Find the rules:

1. These adjectives have _____ syllables. (1/ **2 or more**)
2. To show the strongest form, we usually add “_____” (-est / **most**) _____ (**before** / after) the adjective.

IV. Comparatives and Superlatives

Read the sentences below. Compare the differences between comparatives and superlatives.

Comparatives (-er / more)	Superlatives (-est / most)
1 We are nearer than Middlesbrough to London in many ways.	They are the most hard-working people I've ever known.
2 I'm taller than John.	Greens are the most amazing colors in nature but are for me the most difficult to paint.
3 His legs are thinner than the walker stick he carries.	I feel like I'm the most confident onstage.
4 Wujing is more hardworking than Bajie.	He's the laziest of the three, but now he says it pays to be lazy.

Choose the correct answers and fill in the blanks:

Comparatives & Superlatives:

1. A comparative compares _____ (two / three or more) things.

- The sentence pattern is:

A + be (is/was) + (comparative) + (than) + B

2. A superlative compares _____ (two / three or more) things.

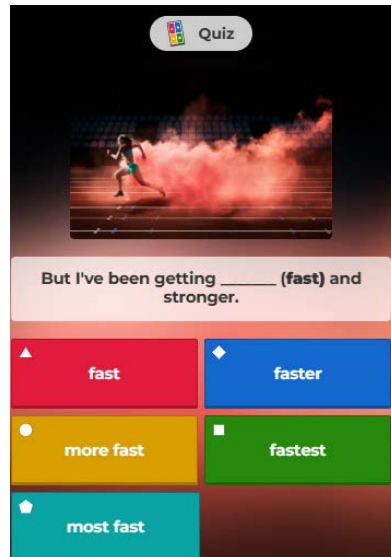
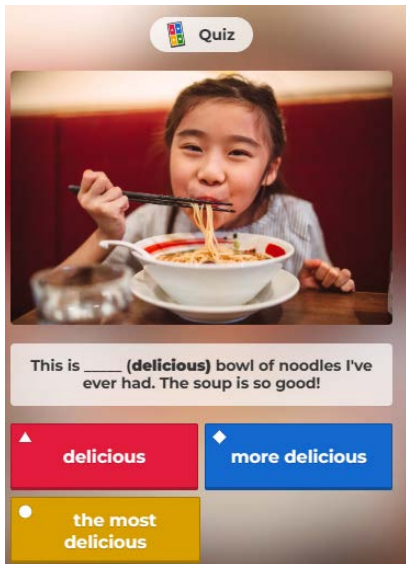
- The sentence pattern is:

A + be + (the) + (superlative) + among the three ...

Stage 3: Language Practice

Activity 1 Kahoot Game - Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

Please join the Kahoot game and choose the correct forms of comparative and superlative adjectives. Let's have fun and see who will win!



Questions (10)

1 - Quiz

The comparative form of 'thin' is _____.

2 - Quiz

This is _____ (delicious) bowl of noodles I've ever had. The soup is so good!

3 - Quiz

But I've been getting _____ (fast) and stronger.

4 - Quiz

I'm _____ (excite) to have the opportunity to interact with listeners.

5 - Quiz

Maybe I can get her to go even _____ (far).

6 - Quiz

And if you're smiling, other people will perceive you as being _____ (friendly) and more approachable.

7 - Quiz

Making people cry is much _____ (easy) than making people laugh.

8 - Quiz

He is one of the _____ (knowledgeable) people alive when it comes to national politics.

9 - Quiz

Her bravery is even _____ (remarkable) when you consider the fact her family had just moved here.

10 - Quiz

They found that the Italian market is the _____ (influential) index compared to the others.

Activity 2 Sentence Building

In the story *Journey to the West*, Wukong and his team faced many challenges, but they worked together to overcome them. Now, you can help them tackle some “difficulties”. Please put the words in the right order to make sentences using comparatives or superlatives.



1. Bajie cutest in is the character the team .



2. Wujing hard-working than Bajie is more .



3. in charming Tang Monk is most man his team the .



4. team Wukong the in the smartest is .



5. those Wukong more monsters is than powerful .



Key:

1. Bajie is the cutest character in the team.
2. Wujing is more hardworking than Bajie.
3. Tang Monk is the most charming man in the team.
4. Wukong is the smartest in the team.
5. Wukong is more powerful than those monsters.

Activity 3 Group Competition

You will be divided into four groups for a team competition. You should look at the screen and answer the questions as quickly as possible. It is important to use complete sentences with comparatives or superlatives. Points will not be awarded for incomplete sentences.

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Which vehicle is the fastest?

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OR



OR



car

train

plane

Stage 4: Production

Writing – Teamwork makes your dream work!

In the story *Journey to the West*, we learned how important teamwork is. Teamwork means working together with others to reach a goal. Remember, teamwork makes the dream work!

For the Writing Competition for the School Week on “Team Spirits”, you will write a short story about a time you worked with others to reach a goal. It could be about a group project, building a big LEGO creation with friends, or helping others solve problems.

In your story, you should use sentences with **comparative and superlative adjectives** to show how everyone’s strengths helped the team.

e.g. *Lucy is the most open-minded in our team.*

Leo is stronger than Lucy.

Step 1: Please work in groups of 4 and discuss with your group members what makes teamwork important and how personal strengths help the team. Then write down some keywords or key sentences with comparatives and superlatives on the mind map.

