

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Comparatives

Aim

To use comparatives to say which of two things you think is better and why.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is a comparatives discussion activity for students to do in class. In the activity, students use comparatives to say which of two things they think is better and why.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them in a pile face down on the desk.

Students take it in turns to pick up a card and ask the other students in the group a 'Which is better, ... or ...? Why?' question from the prompt on the card.

Example:

A: Which is better, waking up early or waking up late? Why?

B: Waking up early is better than waking up late, because you feel fresher and you get more done.

C: I disagree. I think waking up late is better than waking up early, because it's important to get the right amount of sleep.

After each student has given their answer, the students discuss the topic before moving on to the next card.

If a student picks up an 'or' card, they can ask any 'Which is better...?' question they like. Alternatively, you can personalize the activity by writing local things to compare on the last two cards.

When the students have finished, get feedback from around the class on which things the students think are better and why.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

Which is better?



waking up early or waking up late	eating at home or eating at a restaurant
studying in the morning or studying in the evening	sending a text message or sending an email
watching a film at home or watching a film at the cinema	summer or winter
living alone or living with your family	swimming in the sea or swimming in a pool
travelling by boat or travelling by bus	going on holiday in your country or going on holiday abroad
shopping alone or shopping with someone else	using an iPad or using a desktop computer
buying things online or buying things in a shop	walking or cycling
watching sport or playing sport	drinking tea or drinking coffee
or	or