

Activity Type

Reading, writing and speaking activity, pair work

Focus

Comparatives

Comparative adjectives

Aim

To guess missing comparative adjectives in sentences about communication.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is a comparative adjectives game for Business English students or adults to play in class on the topic of communication.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Have the student sit back to back so they can't see each other's worksheet.

Tell the students that they are going to guess missing comparative adjectives in sentences about communication.

Explain that both students have the same sentences, but where one student has a comparative adjective in bold, their partner has a gap and vice versa.

Give the students time to read through the sentences and think about how they could complete each gap.

When the students are ready, let them begin.

Student B starts by reading the first sentence to their partner and guessing the missing comparative adjective.

If Student B's guess is the same as what Student A has in bold on their worksheet, Student B scores three points and writes the comparative adjective in the gap.

If the guess is wrong, Student B tries again for two points and then for one point.

Then, it's Student A's turn to guess the missing comparative adjective in the second sentence and so on.

This continues back and forth until all the sentences have been guessed.

The student with the highest number of points at the end of the game is the winner.

In pairs, students then discuss whether they agree or disagree with each sentence. Afterwards, students give feedback to the class on their answers.

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

Student A

1. Writing an email is **quicker** than writing a letter.
2. A formal email to a client is usually than an informal email to a colleague.
3. A text message is usually **shorter** than an email.
4. Minutes written in shorthand are to read than minutes written in longhand.
5. A message left on an answering machine is **easier** to ignore than a note stuck on a computer screen.
6. A memo is than a company newsletter.
7. The paper you print out a memo on is usually **bigger** than the paper you write a note on.
8. Sending a signed contract by courier is than emailing a signed contract.
9. In my country, sending texts is **more popular** than sending emails.
10. Speaking to someone directly is than speaking to someone on the phone.
11. Using emoticons is **friendlier** than using abbreviations and acronyms.
12. People who send very short emails with lots of abbreviations and acronyms are usually than people who write out everything in full.
13. Typing a text message is **faster** than typing an email.
14. A note is than a memo.
15. Cancelling a meeting by texting someone is **worse** than cancelling a meeting by calling.
16. Typing up the minutes of a meeting is than writing a report



Score

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Student B

1. Writing an email is than writing a letter.
2. A formal email to a client is usually **longer** than an informal email to a colleague.
3. A text message is usually than an email.
4. Minutes written in shorthand are **more difficult** to read than minutes written in longhand.
5. A message left on an answering machine is to ignore than a note stuck on a computer screen.
6. A memo is **more important** than a company newsletter.
7. The paper you print out a memo on is usually than the paper you write a note on.
8. Sending a signed contract by courier is **more official** than emailing a signed contract.
9. In my country, sending texts is than sending emails.
10. Speaking to someone directly is **better** than speaking to someone on the phone.
11. Using emoticons is than using abbreviations and acronyms.
12. People who send very short emails with lots of abbreviations and acronyms are usually **busier** than people who write out everything in full.
13. Typing a text message is than typing an email.
14. A note is **shorter** than a memo.
15. Cancelling a meeting by texting someone is than cancelling a meeting by calling.
16. Typing up the minutes of a meeting is **more boring** than writing a report.



Score

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