

Boardgame: Superlatives by Jill Hadfield

Level: Elementary / Pre-intermediate

Target age: Secondary / Adult

Time needed: 20–30 minutes

Grammar objective: to practise using superlative adjectives

Materials: one board and one set of cards for each group of three or four students; counters and a dice for each group

Summary: a groupwork board game to practise the superlative forms of adjectives

Before the lesson

Cut up the cards.

Procedure

1. Divide students into groups of three or four.
2. Give each group a board, set of cards, counters and a dice.
3. They should place the cards face down in a pile and place their counters on *START*.
4. Students should take it in turns to throw the dice and move round the board. When they land on a ? square, they should take a card from the pile and ask the other players the question. The others should answer.
5. Someone in the group should keep a note of the answers to the questions.
6. If they run out of cards, students could come up with their own questions for the group.

When the first student has reached the *FINISH* square, the game is over. Once everyone has finished, put each group together with another group and get them to report back on the answers to the questions. Monitor and check they are using the superlative forms correctly. For example:

'In our group, Pablo is the youngest.'

'In our group, Svenja and Hanna thought *Shawshank Redemption* was the most exciting film they'd seen, but Anna thought the Harry Potter films were the most exciting.'

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FUN WITH GRAMMAR BOARD

START →		?		?
	?		?	↓
↓		?		?
?	→		?	↓
	?		?	←
↓		?		?
?	→		?	↓
FINISH	?		?	←

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FUN WITH GRAMMAR CARDS



Who is the youngest in the group?	Who is the tallest in the group?	What is the most important thing in life?	What is the most exciting film you've ever seen?
Who is the oldest in the group?	Who has the longest hair in the group?	What is the most expensive thing you've ever bought?	What is the best book you've ever read?
Who has the most brothers and sisters in the group?	Who has the biggest hands in the group?	What are your most comfortable clothes?	What is the most beautiful country you've ever visited?
Who has visited the most countries in the group?	Who has the newest phone in the group?	What is the most delicious meal you've ever eaten?	What is the worst holiday you've ever had?