

Comparatives and Superlatives

Age: Young Adult- Adult

Level: Beginners

Length: Up to 1 hour

Vocab: Basic adjectives, comparatives and superlatives

Focus: Comparing things, reading, writing and speaking.

1. Start by drawing some basic characters on the board, a tall thin one, a small fat one and a normal one. Give them names that your students will be familiar with and invite students to compare them. John is fatter than Paul, Jim is taller than William etc...
2. Give out worksheet and have students work through. Try to explain that small words add **er**, and **est**, whilst longer adjectives have **more** or **most** before them. Leave two-syllable words that take **more** and **most** till later. Answers as follows.

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Big	Bigger	The biggest
Small	Smaller	The smallest
Young	Younger	The youngest
Old	Older	The oldest
Fat	Fatter*	The fattest
Short	Shorter	The shortest
Tall	Taller	The tallest
Thin	Thinner*	The thinnest
New	Newer	The newest
Ugly	Uglier	The ugliest
Rich	Richer	The richest
Poor	Poorer	The poorest
Hot	Hotter*	The hottest
Beautiful	more beautiful	The most beautiful
Expensive	More expensive	The most expensive
Interesting	More interesting	The most interesting
Good	Better	the best
Bad	Worse	The worst

*Double the consonants for these short words.

Fill in the sentences. (Suggested answers only)

1. New York is bigger than Paris.
 2. Copenhagen is smaller than London.
 3. England is older than America.
 4. America is more expensive than India.
 5. India is poorer than America.
 6. Australia is bigger than England.
 7. Iceland is smaller than Mexico.
 8. Spain is poorer than Germany.
 9. Russia is cheaper than America.
 10. Singapore is hotter than Berlin
3. Students can then compare the three pictures and write sentences about the people.

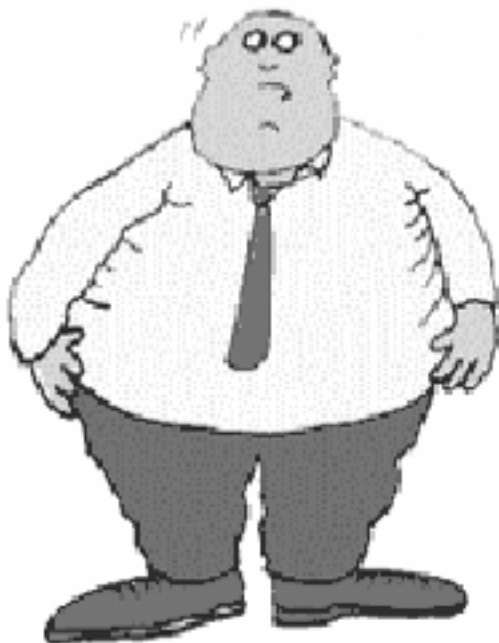
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Peter



Joe



Dave

Write some true sentences about Peter, Joe and Dave.

1. Peter is _____
2. Joe is _____
3. Dave is _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____