



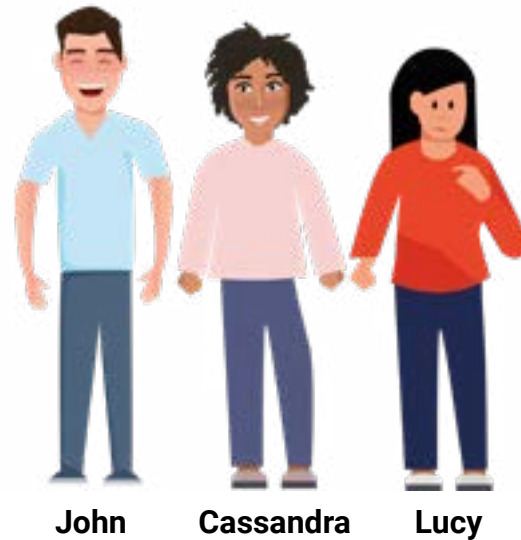
# Comparatives, Superlatives and Equatives

Tutee Lesson

## STEP 1: Assessment

- What do you know about comparatives superlatives and equatives?

## STEP 2: Theory



1. John is happier than Lucy.
2. Cassandra's top is as beautiful as Lucy's.
3. John is the tallest.

- Comparatives compare two people or things.
- Superlatives compare more than two people or things.
- Equatives compare people or things that are equal in some way.

Which sentence above is in the comparative form?

Which sentence above is in the superlative form?

Which sentence above is in the equative form?

# TUTORING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE: COMPARATIVES, SUPERLATIVES AND EQUATIVES

**COMPARATIVES:** Read the comparative rules and fill in the blank with the comparative form of the adjective.

Comparative Rules		Comparative Sentence
one syllable adjectives	Add <b>er</b> followed by <b>than</b> .	Marco is ( <b>rich</b> ) Miguel.
two-syllable adjectives ending in <b>y</b>	Change the <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> and add <b>er</b> followed by <b>than</b> .	English is ( <b>easy</b> ) French.
two or more syllable adjectives	Add <b>more</b> or <b>less</b> before the adjective followed by <b>than</b> .	I think playing hockey is ( <b>exciting</b> ) watching it.

**SUPERLATIVE:** Read the superlative rules and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the superlative.

Superlative Rules		Superlative Sentence
one syllable adjectives	Add <b>the</b> before the adjective and <b>est</b> to the ending.	Jeff Bezos was ( <b>rich</b> ) person in the world in 2020.
two-syllable adjectives ending in <b>y</b>	Add <b>the</b> before the adjective and change the <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> and add <b>est</b> .	English is not ( <b>easy</b> ) language to learn.
two or more syllable adjectives	Add <b>the most</b> or <b>the least</b> before the adjective.	A lot of students believe that being an influencer is ( <b>exciting</b> ) job in the world.

**EQUATIVE:** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the equative (comparing people or things that are equal in some way).

Equative Rule		Equative Sentence
all adjectives	Add <b>as</b> before and after the adjective.	Skiing is ( <b>exciting</b> ) snowboarding.

Note Some adjectives have irregular forms		
Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better than	the best
bad	worse than	the worst

## STEP 3: Controlled and Communicative Exercises

**EXERCISE 1:** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the comparative, superlative or equative. Then, answer the questions.

1. This semester at school, Paul is (**motivated**) last semester.

- Why did you add “more”?
- Are you more or less motivated at school this semester compared to last semester?

### Tutor Note

- Don't ask the “why” questions if your tutee's answers are correct.

2. I am (**busy**) \_\_\_\_\_ I was last year at school.

- Why did you drop the y and add *ier*?
- Are you busier at school this year than you were last year?

3. My prom dress was (**expensive**) \_\_\_\_\_ piece of clothing I ever bought.

- Why did you add “the most”?
- What was the most expensive piece of clothing you ever bought?

4. Dave and Pierre both got 100% on the physics exam. Dave is (**smart**) \_\_\_\_\_ Pierre.

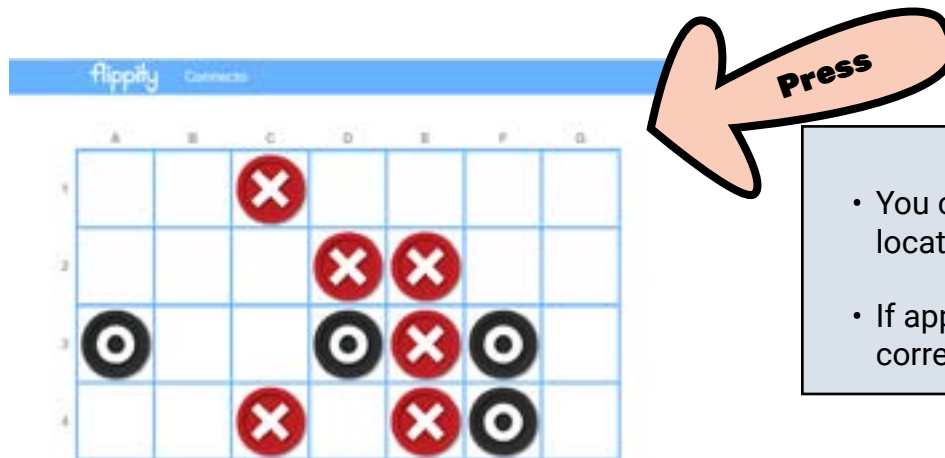
- Why did you use “as + adjective + as”?
- Do you think cats are smarter than dogs?

5. My English teacher was (**bad**) \_\_\_\_\_ teacher I had at high school.

- Who was your worst teacher at high school? Who was the best?

## STEP 4: Production task

**EXERCISE 1:** Play Comparative, Superlative and Equative Connect 4.



### Tutor Note

- You can make the game shorter by clicking on the size of the grid located at the right side of the game.
- If appropriate, the tutee can click on the checkmark to see the correct form that needs to be used.

### Instructions

- Choose to be "X" or "O."
- Click on a square and answer the questions in a **complete sentence** using the comparative, superlative or equative.
- Then, explain your answer and place your "X" or "O" on the square.
- The person who gets four of their letters in a horizontal, vertical or diagonal line wins.
- Click on the game to begin.

### Important

- **Practise by asking follow-up questions to find out more details about each other's answers. The real winner is the person who speaks the most!**

## STEP 5: Final Review

- What new words did you learn today?
- Write the equative, comparative and superlative forms of the adjective “happy.”

Form

Equative

Comparative

Superlative

happy

### Important

- **Write down the words you learned today and study them.**