



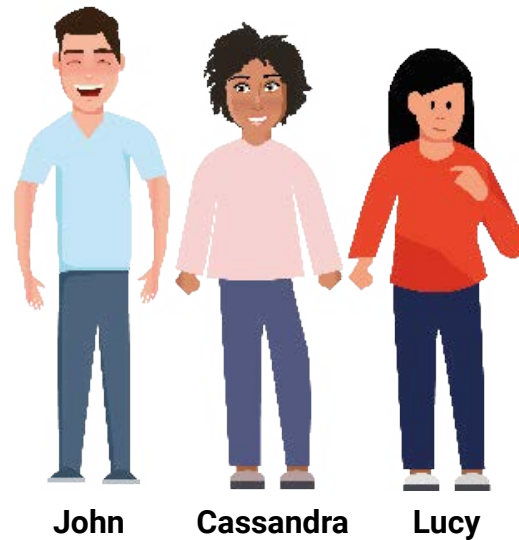
Comparatives, Superlatives and Equatives

Tutor Annotated 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?

TIP **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 er followed by than .	Marco is (rich) <i>richer than</i> Miguel.
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TIP **SUPERLATIVE:** Read the superlative rules and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the superlative.

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TIP **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 as before and after the adjective.	Skiing is (exciting) as exciting as snowboarding.

TIP

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) **more motivated than** last semester.

- Why did you add “more”?
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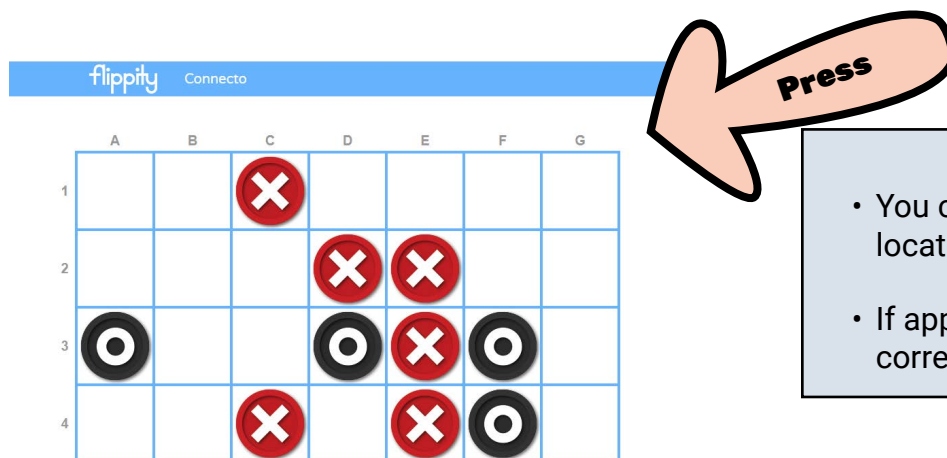
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- Don't ask the “why” questions if your tutee's answers are correct.

2. I am (**busy**) *busier than* 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**) *the most 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**) *as smart as* Pierre.
 - Why did you use “as + adjective + as”?
 - Do you think cats are smarter than dogs?
5. My English teacher was (**bad**) *the worst* 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	<i>as happy as</i>	<i>happier than</i>	<i>the happiest</i>

Important

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

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Rules		Comparative
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> two-syllable adjectives ending in y 	Change the y to i and add er followed by than .	easier than easy
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TIP  **Superlatives** (compare more than two people or things)

Rules		superlative
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• two-syllable adjectives ending in y	Add the before the adjective and change the y to i and add est .	the easiest easy
• two or more syllable adjectives	Add the most or the least before the adjective.	most exciting exciting
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Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
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little	less than	the least
many	more than	the most
far	farther than	the farthest

Superlative

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