PDF 4 - Opinion Wars - Debate, Rank & Decide.



COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES

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A. The Ultimate Opinion Tournament

8 topics. In pairs, decide which is better/worse/more important. You MUST use a comparative structure to move to next round.

Round 1 Match	Winner? Why? Use a comparative
Learning English vs Learning Chinese	
Living in city vs Living in village	
iPhone vs Android	
Money vs Free Time	
Semi-final 1: Your two winners	
Semi-final 2: Your two winners	
FINAL: The most important thing in life is...	

B. as...as for Strong Opinions (Often Forgotten)

Weak: 'City life is good.' **Strong B1:** 'City life is not as boring as village life.' / 'Village life is not as stressful as city life.' / 'Learning English is as important as learning to drive these days.'

Task: Rewrite these weak opinions:

1. Village life is boring. -> Village life is not as exciting as city life.
2. My job is hard. -> _____ as ... as _____
3. Coffee is good. -> Coffee is _____

C. Superlative Awards Ceremony

Create awards for your class / your group / your city. Must be funny + real. Use superlatives + adverbs. Write 5 awards and present them.

- The most hard-working student who…

_____

- The person who speaks English the most fluently…

_____

- The most underrated restaurant in the city…

_____

- The place that is changing the fastest…

_____

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D. Final Boss: 60-Second Review

Record (or perform) a 60-second review of anything: a cafe, a phone, a movie, your school.
Rules:
- At least 2 comparatives (1 adjective, 1 adverb)
- At least 2 superlatives
- At least 1 as...as / not as...as
- At least 1 irregular (better, worse, best, worst)

Example script frame: "I tried [X]. It was [comparative] than I expected.
It works [adverb comparative] than my old one.
It's not as cheap as [Y], but it's definitely the best... The most..."

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Teacher's Note

Final PDF = production. Students must argue, not just complete. This is where B1 gets confident.

PDF 4: Opinion Wars - Teacher Moves

Tournament: Force 'than' clause. If student says 'City is better', push 'Better than what? Than village life because...' That produces full comparative sentence.

Awards: Pre-teach 'underrated, overrated' - high utility for B1 opinions.

Final Boss: Use as assessment. Checklist on board: 2 comps (adj+adv) / 2 superlatives / 1 as...as / 1 irregular. Students peer-check.

Top 5 Errors to Kill at B

1. Double comparative: *more cheaper* -> cheaper
2. Wrong superlative with long words: *the most tallest* -> the tallest / the most expensive
3. than vs as: *as tall than* -> as tall as / taller than
4. Adjective vs Adverb: *He drives more careful* -> more carefully
5. Forgetting 'the' with superlative: *He is best student* -> the best student

Differentiation

Stronger students: Add 'far / much / a lot / slightly' + comparative: far more expensive, slightly cheaper.
Add 'by far the best'.
Weaker students: Keep to 3 columns: short -er/-est, long more/most, irregular. Give sentence starters.

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