

Comparatives and Superlatives

Functional Activity Ideas Continued

Activities

Go on a scavenger hunt. Write a list of target comparatives and/or superlatives to find. See who can get the most.

Discuss "what ifs" using comparatives and superlatives. These are situations where things could be different

Example Statements

Find: the longest hall, someone taller than me, something heavier than a desk, the most confusing poster, etc.

What if pencils were longer than cars? What if hammers were softer than tissue paper?

Methods of Criterion Elicitation

Receptive: Use pictures or questions without pictures.

Identification of comparatives – Use pictures for cues, or nothing for no cues. Ask, "Which one is _____?" For example, "Which one is softer?"

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a pillow?



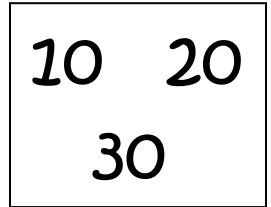
or rocks?

Identification of superlatives – Use pictures for cues, or nothing for no cues. Ask, "What is the _____?" For example, "What is the fastest animal?", or "Which picture is the smallest?", etc.

Expressive: Use pictures or questions only.

Label comparatives and/or superlatives – Use pictures for cues, or nothing for no cues. Say, a _____ is _____, but a _____ is even _____.

For example, "A mouse is small, but a ladybug is even _____." Use pictures for superlatives, For example, "Ten is a big number, twenty is even bigger, but thirty is the _____."



Use comparatives and/or superlatives – Instruct student to use target words in sentences. For example, "Use the word *tinier* in a sentence." or "Use the words *most difficult* in a sentence."

Goal Suggestions

April will identify age appropriate comparatives and superlatives in pictures and/or in the environment.

June will produce age appropriate comparatives and superlatives in sentences, such as "Cheetahs are faster than dogs."

Additional Practice

Create a list of comparatives and/or superlatives at student's level. Send home with instructions to discuss in exchange for individualized incentive. Require parent signature for parental involvement opportunity.

Sentence Maze, Sentence Bulls Eye, Sentence Drop – Send with student with homework or complete with instructor for extra practice. Require parent signature to provide opportunity for parental involvement.