

LESSON 4: School and YOU!

PART ONE: School Subjects.

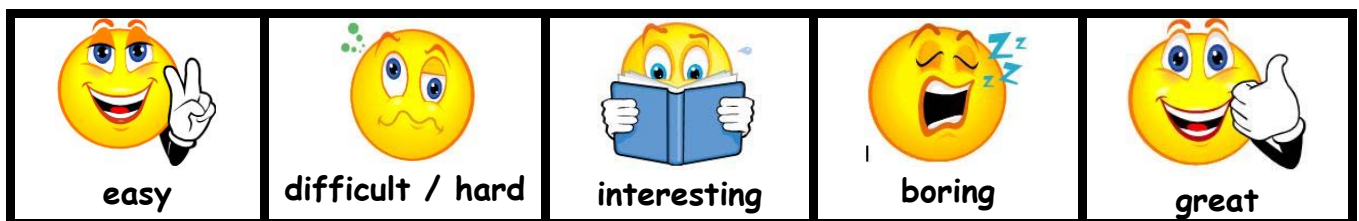
1. Vocabulary.

Do the activity online, then complete your worksheet!



1. _____
2. _____
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13. _____
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15. _____

2. Comparing schools subjects.



Observe the following sentences and deduce the rules.

To me, physics is greater than mathematics.

My best friend thinks (that) Spanish is easier than English.

I find (that) history is more interesting than geography.

THE RULES

A short adjective with one syllable (ex: great)

Comparative = adj. + _____ (+_____)

An adjective with 2 syllables + y (ex: easier)

Comparative = adj. + _____ (+_____)

A long adjective with 2/3/4 syllables and NO -y (ex: difficult)

Comparative = _____ + adj. (+_____)

Two important exceptions:

good > better (than)

bad > worse (than)

3. Speaking.

Use Audacity or any other means to record yourself.

Answer the following questions:

- What school subject(s) do you like? Why?
- What school subject(s) do you hate? Why?
- Compare history and geography.
- Compare biology and physics.
- Compare music and art.

How to give your opinion:

- To me, ...
- In my opinion, ...
- I think (that) ...

You can take some notes (not complete sentences!) here:

PART TWO: What is your opinion about school?**1. Answer the following three questions.**

Note: This opinion poll is anonymous. Be honest when you give your answers!

YOUR OPINION ABOUT SCHOOL

Q. 1 Thinking about your school, how would you describe it? (ONE answer only)

- excellent very good fairly good
 pretty bad very bad terrible not sure either way

Q. 2 Thinking about being at school, how would you describe it? (ONE answer only)

- I enjoy school all the time.
 I enjoy school most of the time.
 I don't enjoy school most of the time.
 I don't enjoy school any of the time.
 I'm not sure either way.
 No answer.

Q. 3 Which of the following would make school more enjoyable / pleasant for you?
(ONE answer only)

- less homework. lessons that are more interesting.
 fewer exams or tests. teachers who are less strict.
 more choice over what subjects I study. easier lessons.

2. The results.

Number of voters = _____

Thinking about your school, how would you describe it?	Votes	%
Excellent		
Very good		
Good		
Bad		
Very bad		
Terrible		
Not sure either way		

Thinking about being at school, how would you describe it?	Votes	%
I enjoy school all the time		
I enjoy school most of the time		
I don't enjoy school most of the time		
I don't enjoy school any of the time		
I'm not sure either way		
Not stated		

Which of the following would make school more enjoyable for you?	Votes	%
Less homework		
Lessons that are more interesting		
Fewer exams or tests		
Teachers who are less strict		
More choice over what subjects I study		
Easier lessons		
Smaller classes		

3. Analyze the results.

Expressions you can use:

- **MOST** students think that ... (= a vast majority)
- **A LOT OF / LOTS OF** students enjoy school ... (= a great number)
- **A FEW** students say / said that ... (= a minority)
- **63.2%** ("*sixty-three point two per cent*") of the voters believe that ...

4. Comparing quantities.

Observe the following sentences and deduce the rules!

-	Lots of students want <u>less</u> homework. They also want <u>less</u> violence. Lots of students want <u>fewer</u> exams.
+	Lots of students want <u>more</u> holidays. Lots of students want <u>more</u> tolerance at school.

less + _____

fewer + _____

more + _____

5. Write about your dream school!

Use: "My dream school is a school with *less / fewer / more ...*"
