The Gadget Upgrade: Comparatives and Superlatives

Level: A2–B1 · Comparative and superlative adjectives · technology vocabulary

1 Warm-up

1 Which three gadgets do you use every day?

2 What was your first phone like?

3 Which gadget would you like to replace this year? Why?

2 The rules

Adjective	Comparative (2 things)	Superlative (3+ things)
short: fast, cheap	faster, cheaper (than)	the fastest, the cheapest
ending in -y: easy, heavy	easier, heavier	the easiest, the heaviest
one vowel + consonant: big, thin	bigger, thinner	the biggest, the thinnest
long: expensive, reliable	more expensive, more reliable	the most expensive, the most reliable
irregular: good, bad, far	better, worse, further	the best, the worst, the furthest

3 Compare three phones

	Nova 5	Pulse X	Orbit Mini
Price	$299	$849	$199
Weight	180 g	210 g	140 g
Battery	2 days	1 day	1.5 days
Screen	6.4 in	6.9 in	5.8 in
Camera score	7/10	10/10	5/10

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective.

1 The Pulse X is _____ (expensive) phone of the three.

2 The Orbit Mini is _____ (light) than the Nova 5.

3 The Nova 5 has _____ (good) battery of the three.

4 The Pulse X's camera is _____ (good) than the Nova 5's.

5 The Orbit Mini has _____ (small) screen.

6 The Nova 5 is _____ (cheap) than the Pulse X, but _____ (heavy) than the Orbit Mini.

4 Discuss

Which phone would you buy for: a student · a photographer · your grandmother · a business traveller? Explain your choice.

5 Guess the gadget

Think of a gadget. Write three clues with comparatives or superlatives. Read them one by one. Your partner guesses. Fewer clues = more points. Example: It's smaller than a laptop. It's the most useful thing in my kitchen in the morning. It's louder than a hairdryer. (a coffee grinder)

Answer key

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3 Compare three phones

1 the most expensive

2 lighter

3 the best

4 better

5 the smallest

6 cheaper · heavier

4–5

Students' own answers.

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