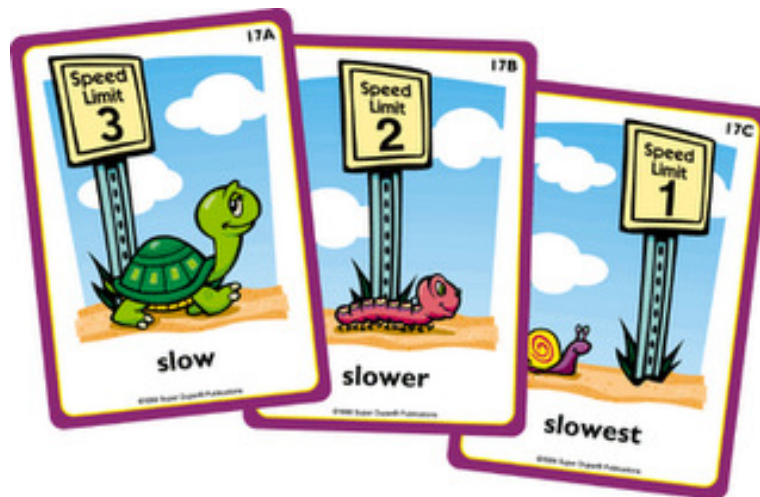


Pódese acceder á unidade que traballaron os alumnos de 4º ESO B aquí:

<http://isabelcota.blogia.com/2011/011301-comparison-stereotypes.php>

Esta é a actividade de Alfonso Rúa, alumno de 4º ESO B:

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES



HOW DO WE FORM COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES?

<http://www.authorstream.com/Presentation/tarirotari-353683-comparatives-superlatives-comparative-adjectives-education-ppt-powerpoint/>

Comparatives and superlatives

Spelling

Adjectives ending CVC: double the consonant

big-ger

My house is big.

But my brother's house is **bigger** than my house.

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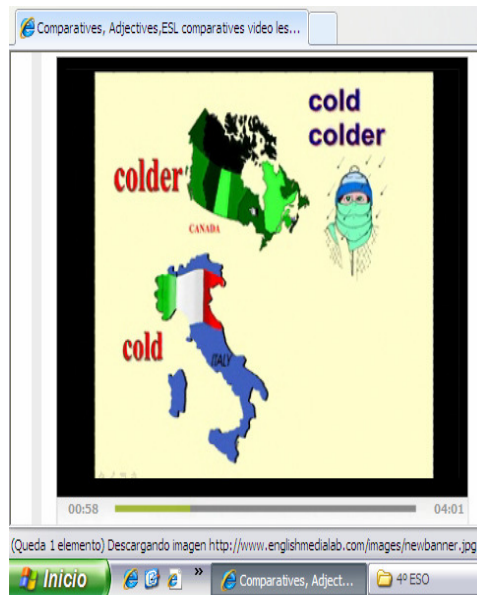
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Comparatives:

<http://www.englishmedialab.com/higherlevels/comparatives/comparatives.html>



Superlatives:

<http://www.englishmedialab.com/higherlevels/superlatives/superlatives.html>



SOME PRACTICE...

1. The cat is **SMALLER** (small) than the camel.



2. Santa is the **OLDEST** (old) of the three people.



3. The bee is **LIGHTER** (light) than the bird.



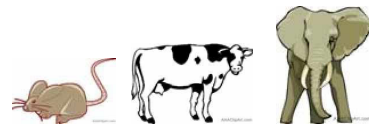
4. The giraffe is the **TALLEST** (tall) of the three animals.



5. The giraffe is **TALLER** (tall) than the horse.



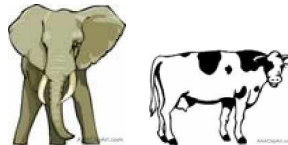
6. The mouse is the **SMALLEST** (small) of the three animals.



7. The mouse is **SMALLER** (small) than the cat.



8. The elephant is **BIGGER** (big) than the cow.



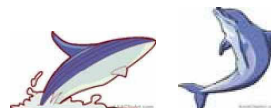
9. Santa is **OLDER** (old) than my father.



10. The bee is the **LIGHTEST** (light) of all three.



11. The whale is **HEAVIER** (heavy) than the dolphin.



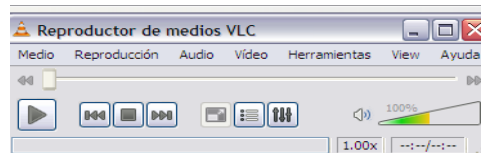
MORE PRACTICE...

Fill in the correct form of the words in brackets (comparative or superlative).

1. My house is **BIGGER** (big) than yours.
2. This flower is **MORE BEAUTIFUL** (beautiful) than that one.
3. This is the **MOST INTERESTING** (interesting) book I have ever read.
4. Non-smokers usually live **LONGER** (long) than smokers.
5. Which is the **MOST DANGEROUS** (dangerous) animal in the world?
6. A holiday by the sea is **BETTER** (good) than a holiday in the mountains.
7. It is strange but often a coke is **MORE EXPENSIVE** (expensive) than a beer.
8. Who is the **RICHEST** (rich) woman on earth?
9. The weather this summer is even **WORSE** (bad) than last summer.
10. He was the **CLEVEREST** (clever) thief of all.

DICTIONARY

Listen to these five sentences with adjectives in the comparative form and write them down.



1. **THAT JACKET IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THIS ONE.**
2. **COMPUTERS ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO USE THAN CELL PHONES.**
3. **MARY ISN'T AS PRETTY AS JANET.**
4. **JACK IS FUNNIER THAN PETER.**
5. **IT'S HOTTER IN HAWAI THAN IT IS IN CHICAGO TODAY.**

A Comparative song: "You gotta be"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKW3zREFA00&feature=related>



You are going to listen to a song by *Desiree* entitled *Gotta be*. Complete it with the following adjectives. Notice that some of them are in the comparative or in the superlative form:

stronger: más fuerte

bad: malo

calm[kam]: tranquilo

wiser [waizer]: más sabio

different [difrent]

the best: el mejor

sweet[suit]: dulce

You gotta be by Desiree

Listen as your days unfolds

challenge what the future holds

try and keep your head up to the sky

lovers they may cause you tears

go ahead release your fears

stand up and be counted

don't be ashamed to cry

CHORUS:

you gotta be, you gotta be (1) **BAD**

you gotta be bold

you gotta be (2) **WISER**

you gotta be hard
you gotta be tough
you gotta be (3) STRONGER
you gotta be cool
you gotta be (4) CALM
you gotta stay together
all I know all I know love will save the day

heard all what you mother said
read the books your father read
try to solve the puzzles in your own (5) SWEET time
some may have more cash than you
others take a (6) DIFFERENT view
my oh my
hey hey hey

CHORUS

Time asks no questions, it goes on without you
Leaving you behind if you can't stand the pace
The world keeps on spinning, can't stop it if you tried to
(7) THE BEST part is danger staring you in the face

listen as your days unfolds
challenge what the future holds
try to keep your head up to the sky
lovers they may cause you tears
go ahead release your fears
my oh my
hey hey hey

CHORUSx 2

Got to be bold. Got to be bad.
Got to be wise. Don't ever sigh.
Got to be hard. Not too, too hard
All I know is, love will save the day

SPAIN and THE UK (Stereotypes)



What is a Stereotype?

Stereotypes are as old as human culture itself. They reflect ideas that groups of people hold about others who are different from them.

Stereotype: A fixed, commonly held notion or image of a person or group, based on an oversimplification of some observed or imagined trait of behaviour or appearance.

According to a popular joke:

"Heaven is the place where the lovers are Italian, the police are English, the mechanics are German, the cooks are French and the place is run by the Swiss. Hell is where the lovers are Swiss, the cooks are English, the mechanics are French, the police are German and the place is run by the Italians."

Do you have a stereotyped idea of the Britons? How would you describe them by comparing them with us, Spaniards? Use the adjectives below.

- | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| • punctual | • outgoing | • hospitable | • aggressive |
| • tolerant | • nationalistic | • talkative | • polite |
| • romantic | • well-dressed | • sociable | • rude |
| • respectful | • humorous | • serious | • arrogant |
| • hard-working | • lazy | • quiet | • ignorant |
| • emotional | • sophisticated | • formal | • casual |

- THE BRITONS ARE MORE PUNCTUAL THAN THE SPANIARDS.

- THE SPANIARDS ARE MORE TOLERANT THAN THE BRITONS.
- THE SPANIARDS ARE MORE ROMANTIC THAN THE BRITONS.
- THE BRITONS ARE MORE RESPECTFUL THAN THE SPANIARDS.
- THE SPANIARDS ARE AS HARD-WORKING AS THE BRITONS.
- THE BRITONS AREN'T SO EMOTIONAL AS THE SPANIARDS.
- THE SPANIARDS ARE MORE OUTGOING THAN THE BRITONS.
- THE SPANIARDS ARE AS NATIONALISTIC AS THE BRITONS.
- THE SPANIARDS ARE BETTER DRESSED THAN THE BRITONS.
- THE SPANIARDS ARE AS HUMOROUS AS THE BRITONS.
- THE SPANIARDS AREN'T LAZIER THAN THE BRITONS.
- THE SPANIARDS ARE AS SOPHISTICATED AS THE BRITONS.
- THE SPANIARDS ARE MORE HOSPITABLE THAN THE BRITONS.
- THE SPANIARDS ARE MORE TALKATIVE THAN THE BRITONS.

THESE ARE SOME ADJECTIVES AND EXPRESSIONS THAT ARE OFTEN USED TO DESCRIBE/REFER TO THE BRITONS:



Britons (UK): drinkers; lousy food; stiff upper-lips; ultra-traditional; steady-on; bulldog spirit; bad teeth and hygiene; rude; thin; smoke cigar or pipe; scruffy hair; "fitted" clothing; heavy binge drinkers; swear all day long; artistic; "fashionable"; deep thinkers; intelligent and articulate; boastful; anti-American; ride bikes; God save the Queen!

WHAT ABOUT US, SPANIARDS? WHAT DO OTHER NATIONALITIES THINK ABOUT US?



Spaniards: lazy; party animals; womanizers; food lovers (Paella); extroverted; untidy; conscientious; impulsive; megalomaniac; bull fighters; always late; "know how to live"; wine-drinking and ham-eating; temperamental; affectionate; look like Antonio Banderas; emotional cry-babies; sophisticated; everybody smokes and talks all the time; proud and patriotic; fashionable; love to dance; relaxed; nationalists; cultured; respect their rights and duties; history and ancestry are important; leisure culture; open-minded and warm people.

NOW, LET'S WATCH THE VIDEO "WHAT ARE THE BRITISH LIKE?"



What do the interviewees say about the British? Fill in the blanks.

First woman (Marcia): “ I spent some time in LONDON and I had a very pleasant time. I found that they had a..., also had a sense of HUMOUR, but it was a bit DIFFERENT, somewhat wry.”

First man (Carlo): “ The British are fair. I can live with them if I HAVE to.”

Second man (Arnold): “ They are NICE. They have the same sense of HUMOUR as the Dutch do so we get together quite well.”

Second woman (Kyla): “ The British I find very very witty. I think they’ve got to keep themselves entertained being in that miserable WEATHER all the time. I think their food is abhorrent, however their beer is WONDERFUL and my mother’s WELSH so I have a soft spot for the British, not especially for the English, though.”

Third woman (María): “ RESERVED.”

Third man (Michael): “ The British are also family-orientated and they are ARISTOCRATIC.

Fourth woman (Susan): “ The British are homey, a bit stiff, FORMAL, fun.”

Fourth man(officer Gallagher): “ A NATION of shopkeepers.”

BY THE WAY, HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND?

<http://www.webquest.es/wq/emblems-united-kingdom>



Which is the patron Saint of England?

- (a) St Patrick
- (b) St George ✓
- (c) St Andrew

Which is the national flower/plant of Scotland?

- (a) rose
- (b) thistle ✓
- (c) daffodil

Which is the national flower/plant of Ireland?

- (a) shamrock ✓
- (b) thistle
- (c) rose

Which is the national flower/plant of Wales?

- (a) shamrock
- (b) rose
- (c) leek/daffodil ✓

Which flags/crosses make up the Union Jack?

- (a) Lion rampant, St Patrick's Cross, St Andrew's Cross
- (b) Dragon of Cadwallader, St George's Cross, Lion Rampant
- (c) St George's Cross, St Andrew's Cross, St Patrick's Cross ✓

When is St Patrick's Day (Ireland)?

- (a) 23rd April
- (b) 1st March
- (c) 17th March ✓

When is St Andrew's Day (Scotland)?

- (a) 23rd April
- (b) 30th November ✓
- (c) 17th March

When is St George's Day (England)?

- (a) 23rd April ✓
- (b) 1st March
- (c) 30th November

Which is the colour of England?

- (a) red
- (b) blue
- (c) white ✓

Which is the colour of Wales?

- (a) red ✓
- (b) green
- (c) blue

Which is the colour of Scotland?

- (a) white
- (b) green
- (c) blue ✓

More about stereotypes - Galicians: what we're really like.



Being Galician, as happens with everything, has both a negative and a positive side. On the one hand, it's generally believed that Galician people are yokel, boring and bored folks with nothing better to do than watching cows in the fields or fishing in the sea.

Actually, it's true that fishing and farming have always been most people's ways of earning a living. But this doesn't mean that all the inhabitants of Galicia go to work on "cowback". It's like saying that nobody drinks water in England, only tea, or like thinking that everybody in Spain likes bullfighting, paella and flamenco.

Sadly, as a result of being regarded as the folkier hick ones in Spain, lots of Galicians feel ashamed of themselves. Obviously, there's no big difference between XXI century Galicians and Germans, Italians or any other nationality.

On the other hand, we are also said to be hospitable, nice, good cooks and trustworthy. As a matter of fact, we don't like our invitations being rejected and if a pilgrim needs anything on his/her journey to Santiago, there will always be somebody willing to help.

Another thing that everybody knows about Galicians is how delicious our seafood is, especially when we are the ones who cook it. Apart from this speciality, we are also experts at making ham and turnip tops.

If you need somebody to talk to, look for a Galician person. All your secrets will be safe with him/her.

To sum up, stereotypes don't exist by chance, there is always a reality on which they are based. However, this reality is usually more complex than the one depicted by the stereotype.

Stereotypes exist because of our need to make generalizations, to give unity to a complex reality, so as to feel safer.

(Text written by David Rodríguez Rivada)

QUESTIONS:

- 1) Look for words that match the following definitions:
 - An unsophisticated country person: YOKEL
 - The sport of killing a bull as a public spectacle: BULLFIGHTING
 - (Informal, chiefly N Amer.) A person who lives in the country, regarded as unintelligent: HICK
 - A person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons: PILGRIM
 - Edible marine fish and shellfish: SEAFOOD

- 2) Answer these questions about the text:
 - What are the most common jobs in Galicia?
FISHING AND FARMING.
 - Why are many inhabitants of Galicia ashamed of being Galician?
BECAUSE GALICIAN PEOPLE ARE REGARDED AS THE FOLKIEST HICK ONES IN SPAIN.
 - How do Galicians behave with pilgrims?
THEY ARE HOSPITABLE AND NICE.
 - Are stereotypes completely wrong?
NO, THERE IS ALWAYS A REALITY ON WHICH THEY ARE BASED.
 - Why do stereotypes exist? BECAUSE OF OUR NEED TO MAKE
GENERALIZATIONS, TO GIVE UNITY TO A COMPLEX REALITY SO AS TO
FEEL SAFER.

Writing : *Stereotypes about the British.*

Write about 120 words on what you think about Great Britain and the British. Remember that an essay is not a series of sentences that appear one after another apparently by chance. It must have coherence and cohesion. Divide your essay into at least three paragraphs and use connectors expressing contrast, addition....

An essay: ***Spanish stereotypes.***

Many stereotypes about Spain have little to do with today's reality. In 1950 Spain was a poor country, still trying to recover from its civil war, and many stereotypes arose at that time. Spain used to be a cheap country to visit, but no longer. [Madrid](#) is the 26th most expensive city in the world now, and Barcelona No. 31.

One of the leading brands in the world today is Zara, which sells clothing and is a favourite among young people all over the world. They use a very sophisticated computer programme that knows what items are selling well, and which are not. The items that are not selling well are immediately replaced with new items. Their short time between design and having new items in stores is one of their secrets of success, and they can react to changing fashion tastes immediately. This sophistication has made the owner of Zara one of the richest men in the world and shows that Spain is not backward.

Spain is the European country after France that has the most tourism. When the Spanish government had tourist campaigns in other countries in the past, they showed the sunshine, the beaches, flamenco dancing, and bullfighting. This may have helped create some of the stereotypes about Spain.

A study shows that Americans and Southeast Asians are the people who believe more in these stereotypes. Stereotypes are used as mental shortcuts to classify people quickly. They are usually wrong, dangerous, and the basis for prejudice, so it is necessary to do away with them.

Your essay: ***What are the British like?***

I think that, leaving aside the stereotypes concerning the Briton's love of drinking and their life devoted to work, they are good people, kind and intelligent.

On the one hand, it is true that people in Britain do not care much for their hygiene (especially their teeth), they have scruffy hair, they are stiff upper-lips and they say swearwords all day.

On the other hand, the Britons are deep thinkers, steady-on and they have a bulldog spirit. The stereotype that they are rude is false, the British care about others and always try to help them.

In my opinion, they are a bit strange because they drive on the left, have pounds and pence instead of euros and do not use the international metric system, but it is easy to get used to them.