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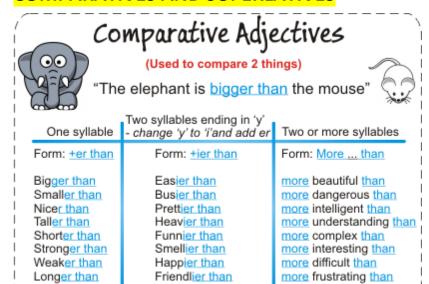


LEVELING 1	PLANET EARTH
SUBJECT	ENGLISH
GRADE	8 TH GRADE JT
TERM	FIRST TERM 2023
TEACHER	Lic. Marybell Parra M. Jornada Tarde
OBJECTIVES	 Fortalecer las habilidades de READING and WRITING a través de textos y actividades relacionadas con el medio ambiente. Fortalecer las diferentes habilidades del inglés a través de ejercicios prácticos.
INDICACIONES GENERALES:	El siguiente Plan De Nivelación lo debe realizar hojas cuadriculadas , hacerlo firmar por su acudiente y presentarlo en CARPETA debidamente marcada. Las actividades que se solicitan deben hacerse a MANO, NO a computador y NO usar traductor (el uso de este afectará su nota). Para este periodo la nivelación consta de dos partes. Primera parte: "Preparación para la sustentación". Para esto usted debe realizar las actividades que se le solicitan en forma COMPLETA, ORGANIZADA y SEGÚN INDICACIONES. Valor 20%. Segunda parte: "SUSTENTACIÓN". Valor 80% Recuerde que para poder SUSTENTAR debe cumplir con las indicaciones dadas (actividades COMPLETAS, organizadas y según indicaciones) DATE OF PRESENTATION AND EVALUATION: 23 DE MAYO, 2023 ANTES DE LAS 12 Y 30 PM.

DESARROLLO DE CONTENIDOS

Before start working on the leveling, it is necessary that you review some grammatical topics. Let's start.

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES





Adjective form	Comparative	Superlative
Only one syllable, ending in E. Examples: wide, fine, cute	Add -R: wider, finer, cuter	Add -ST: widest, finest, cutest
Only one syllable, with one vowel and one consonant at the end. Examples: hot, big, fat	Double the consonant, and add -ER: hotter, bigger, fatter	Double the consonant, and add -EST: hottest, biggest, fattest
Only one syllable, with more than one vowel or more than one consonant at the end. Examples: light, neat, fast	Add -ER: lighter, neater, faster	Add -EST: lightest, neatest, fastest
Two syllables, ending in Y. Examples: happy, silly, lonely	Change Y to I, then add -ER: happier, sillier, lonelier	Change Y to I, then add -EST: happiest, silliest, loneliest
Two syllables or more, not ending in Y. Examples: modern, interesting, beautiful	Use MORE before the adjective: more modern, more interesting, more beautiful	Use MOST before the adjective: most modern, most interesting, most beautiful



If you want, you can visit the following links for receiving extra explanation about the topic

 $\underline{https://www.curso-ingles.com/aprender/cursos/nivel-intermedio/comparative-superlative/comparatives-and-superlatives}$

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwLaiF_bVpI

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Umxq8mOyiyc

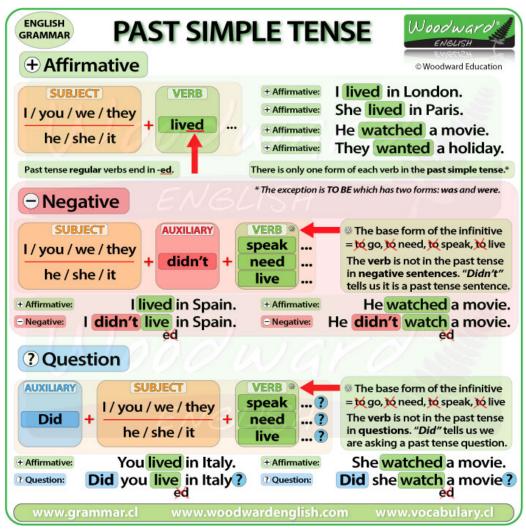
If you want to practice, please visit the following link and solve the exercises

https://aprendoinglesconvani.wordpress.com/2016/04/07/comparative-adjectives/

https://agendaweb.org/grammar/comparison-exercises.html

https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-practice/comparatives-and-superlatives

PAST SIMPLE



REGULAR AND IRREGULAR VERBS



Regular Verbs

Regular verbs form their past and past participle forms by adding -ed.

- I watched TV last night.
- I played baseball this morning.
- We studied hard for this test.
- I enjoyed the new film.
- My brother **climbed** the cliff wall.
- The lamb **jumped** over the fence.
- They cooked an amazing meal.

Irregular Verbs

Irregular verbs do not follow the normal patterns for tense and past participle.

- We ate the pizza quickly.
- I drank some cola.
- They **slept** in the treehouse.
- She **got** a watch at Christmas.
- He **swam** in the ocean.
- The child dug a hole.
- The dog hid the bone in the garden.

If you want, you can visit the following links for receiving extra explanation about the topic

https://www.curso-ingles.com/aprender/cursos/nivel-intermedio/verb-tenses-past/past-simple

https://www.britishcouncil.org.mx/blog/past-simple

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xb64KDYTHjw

If you want to practice, please visit the following link and solve the exercises

https://test-english.com/grammar-points/a1/past-simple-regular-irregular/

https://www.liveworksheets.com/worksheets/en/English_as_a_Second_Language_(ESL)/Simple_past

Wh - Questions

This is a term used to refer to one Question starting with wh or h

Who ----- Quién?

What-----Qué-Cúal?

Where -----Dónde?

Why -----Porqué?

Whose-----De Quién?

When -----Cuando?

Which -----Cúales?

How -----Cómo?

How many----- Cúantos?

How much -----cuanto?

How far -----Que tan lejos?

How long-cuanto tiempo?

How often- con frecuencia

How old - Que edad

Wh Question + Auxiliary verb + Subject + Main verb

Wh Question + Main verb + Subject + Complement?

What is your name?

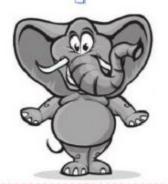
(¿Cuál es tu nombre?)

Where do you live?

(¿Dónde vives?)

ACTIVITIES

Comparative and Superlative



ELEPHANT

Lifespan: 60-70 years
Age: 37 years old
Weight: 7,000 kg
Length: 7,5 metres
Population: 1,3 million
Characteristics: intelligent,
sensitive, wild, sociable,
friendly, with a good memory



CROCODILE

Lifespan: 80-100 years

Age: 10 years old Weight: 500 kg Length: 6,2 metres Population: 300,000 Characteristics: aggressive, fast, unfriendly, wild, lonely, a

good swimmer



LION

Lifespan: 25-30 years Age: 18 years old Weight: 250 kg Length: 2 metres Population: 21,000 Characteristics: adventurou

Characteristics: adventurous, fast, wild, proud, a good hunter, strong

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- a) Lions have a _____ (short) lifespan than elephants.
 b) Elephants live _____ (long) than lions.
 c) Lions are _____ (rare) than Elephants.
- d) Crocodiles are ______ (aggressive) than elephants.
- e) Elephants are ______(intelligent) than crocodiles.
- f) Lions are ______(good) hunters than crocodiles.
 g) Elephants are ______(strong) than lions.
- h) The elephant in the picture is _____(old) than the lion.

Superlative

- a) The elephant is ______ (big) of the three b) The lion is ______ (light).
- c) The elephant is ______(heavy).
- d) The crocodile is ______(aggressive)
- e) The elephant is _____(peaceful)
- f) The lion is ______(proud)
- g) The elephant is ______(old)
- h) The crocodile in the picture is ______(young)
- i) The crocodile has ______(long) lifespan.
- j) The lion has _______(short) lifespan.
- k) The lion is ______(adventurous)

PAST SIMPLE REVIEW

Read the following text and answer the yes/ no questions and the wh questions

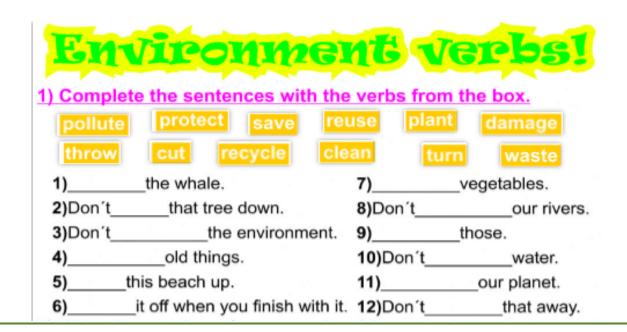
What did you do last weekend?

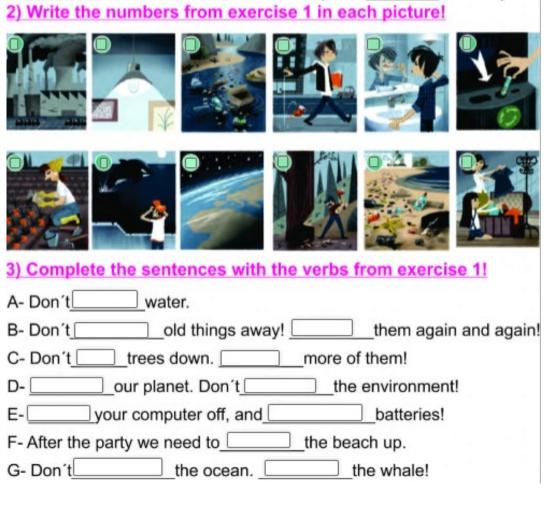
I had a great weekend last weekend. On Friday I went to a bar with my friends. I ate a delicious hamburger and french fries. I entered a pool tournament and I played really well. I won the tournament and won 15 euros. I was very happy. I met new people from Germany and they showed me a popular drink in Germany that is similar to a Bloody Mary.

On Saturday I was a bit tired. I stayed in bed until 11 o'clock in the morning and then I had a nice brunch. I ate toast with tomatoes and mushrooms and I drank coffee. I went out and walked around the town where I live with my girlfriend. We went to the supermarket and bought a lot of vegetables. My bags were heavy and we walked home up the hill. My girlfriend made Lasagna for dinner and then we watched a movie. On Sunday I woke up late again. I had a very lazy weekend! I had a nice brunch again (beans on toast this time). We went to a nice hotel and used their spa facilities. I went swimming but the water in the jacuzzi was too hot so I didn't use the jacuzzi. I love reading a book beside the swimming pool. I spent about 4 hours there. When I arrived home I called my friend on Whatsapp and we talked for one hour. I had a great weekend.

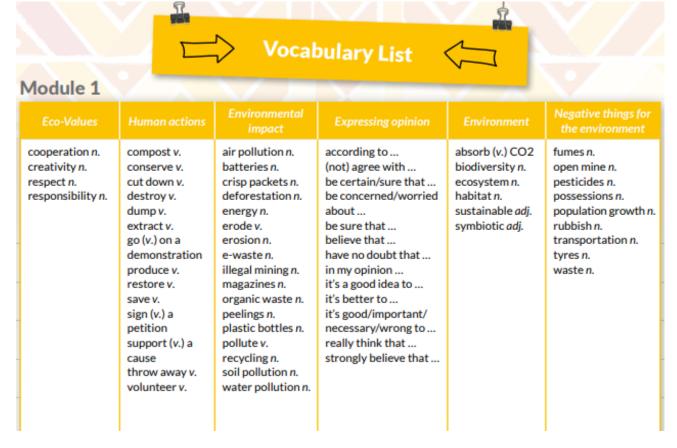
Yes/No questions

1)	Did the guy in the story have a nice weekend?	
2)	Did he use the jacuzzi on Sunday?	
3)	Did he earn any money on weekend?	
4)	Did the guy's girfriend cook any food for the weekend?	
5)	Did the guy in the story wake up aerly on weekend?	
	Wh questions	
	What sport did the guy in the story practice on weekend?	_
	2) Where did the guy and his girlfriend go on Sunday?	
	3) What did they eat on Sunday?	
	4) How long did the guy talk on the pone to his friendo n Sunday at night?	
	5) Why didn´t they use the jacuzzi on Sunday?	_





Let's get used to the vocabulary related to the environment. Write the words in your file and look for the meanings.



PRESERVING OUR PLANET

1. Write and read the conversation

Tonight Mr. Jack Crusoe is on our "Green peace program"

- > Presenter: Mr. Crusoe, welcome to our program. We heard about your new ecological campaign to protect wildlife.
- > Jack: Oui, excuse me, yes our mew campaign's objective is to stop killing animals.
- > Presenter: what species are you the most interested in protecting?
- > Jack: At this moment, we are especially worried about bears.
- > Presenter: why is that?
- > Jack: because a bear's fur is the finest so a fur trader can get more money from it.
- > **Presenter:** But people know that having a fur coat means one animal less on earth.
- > Jack: Yes, but a synthetic coat is not as attractive as real fur coat, you see.
- Presenter: What are you doing about it?
- > **Jack:** we're trying to contact the governmental offices to create campaigns that are as convincing as ours, and we are also looking for the cooperation of some others groups that are as concerned about preservation as we are.
- **Presenter:** Good luck, Mr. Crusoe. And thanks a lot for saving our planet.

	2.	Compl	lete	the	statements.
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- ❖ Jack explains how to protect... ______
- They are worried about bears because...
- ❖ The main reason for the campaign is...
- ❖ They are looking for support on...



3. Write t	he comparative and	the superlative for ϵ	each adjective.		
adjective	comparative	superlative	adjective	comparative	superlative
Tall			Hard		
Short			Early		
Difficult			Dirty		
Fat			Poor		
Famous			Sad		

4. Write 05 sentences using the last comparatives and 05 sentences with the last superlatives.

Reading Comprehension: Simple Past

A. Read the text and choose the correct answer to the questions.



When Felix Finkbeiner was 13 years old, he made a speech at the United Nations in New York. He spoke in English and his message was simple – save the world's forests. How did a boy from Germany become "an environmental superstar"?

The story starts in 2007 when Felix did a project on climate change at his elementary school in Starnberg, near Munich in Germany. He saw some information online about Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan woman. She started a tree-planting campaign in 1977 and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. Felix thought her campaign was interesting, and he decided to talk about it in class.

His presentation was a success, and he gave the same presentation to other classes. Two months later, Felix planted his first tree and started a campaign to plant a million trees. He called his campaign "Plant for the Planet."

Students at other schools joined the campaign. Together they planted 50,000 trees in Germany. They made a website for the campaign, and soon other countries began taking part. They wanted to meet Felix, so he started to give presentations outside the country. In November 2008, he spoke to the European

At the beginning of 2011, the International Year of Forests, Felix made his speech at the United Nations. He asked world leaders to "stop talking – start planting." In the same year, his campaign reached its goal of planting one million trees in Germany. He also traveled to Kenya and met Wangari Maathai. And it all began with a school project.

- How did Felix become an environmental super star?
 - a. He spoke in English
 - He started a project on climate change.
 - c. He planted a tree
- 2. Who is Wangari Maathai?
 - a. A Kenyan teacher
 - b. His sciences teacher
 - c. An environmental activist



- 3. What is "Plant for the Planet"?
 - a. Felix's environmental campaign
 - b. A world school project
 - c. Wangari's campaign

- 3. What is "Plant for the Planet"?
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 - b. A world school project
 - c. Wangari's campaign
- 4. How many trees did they plant in Germany when the schools joined the campaign?
 - a. Fifteen thousand trees
 - b. Fifty thousand trees
 - c. Fifty million trees
- 5. What did we celebrate in 2011?
 - a. The International Year of Forests.
 - b. Wangari's Nobel Prize
 - c. The European Parliament session
- 6. What does Felix want the world leaders to do?
 - To give more speeches about climate change
 - b. To fight for world peace
 - c. To take action to save the environment

NOW, you are going to take out ALL the verbs from the above text and complete the following chart.

INFINITIVE	REGULAR	IRREGULAR	PAST SIMPLE	MEANING
BE		Х	Was/were	Ser o Estar



Work with a partner. Discuss the things you would like to do and the things you would not like to do.

- a. rescue abandoned animals
- pick up rubbish in a public place
- organize a petition
- participate in a demonstration
- e. volunteer at a community garden
- design a website.



Speak >> Look at the pictures and find four differences.



Before, the air was polluted. but now the air is pure. Now there are a lot of trees. Before, there were no trees.

Read >> Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

A Story of Change

La Paz School is a rural school in the mountains of Central Colombia. A few years ago, teachers and students a____ (decide) to do something about the environmental problems they had. Deforestation and bad management of waste b_____ (be) their main concerns. As a result, they c____ (create) an environmental group to look for solutions.

First, they d_____ (research) information about the people, their businesses and the impact of their actions. Then, they "_____ (organize) a campaign to protect the rivers in their town. They '____ (talk) to the local authorities about prohibiting the industries from

dumping waste. They [____ (start) teaching people about recycling methods and the whole town h____ (sign) a petition to stop the destruction of their forests. They '-(plant) more than 2,000 trees near the river.

Now people in our town j____ (be) happy with the results. Liliana, a 15-year-old student at La Paz School, said: 'Now we (have) lots of trees around our houses and parks; the rivers are clean; and we understand that when people work together to support a cause, the little things that everyone '____ (do) can create big changes."



create a mind map to show how some human actions affect the environment negatively in your community or school. Then choose one problem to investigate and write notes about.

Study Tip

Create a diagram to show the relationship between ideas.



Complete the article with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

National Park Is Closed

The National Park was a beautiful place to go hiking. You could see many different plants and animals there. The trees 1. __ (be) very tall and very old. Things changed when an illegal mining business came to the park. They 2_____(start) an open mine and quickly cut down most of the trees near the river. They (want) to extract some important and valuable minerals.

Sadly, the local authorities 4. ___ ____ (be) not interested in taking care of the park. Time passed and many more illegal miners came. They 5. _____ (pollute) the water with mercury and other toxic substances.

Now, some environmental groups 6. ___ concerned about the problem. But it may be too late. The damage from the illegal mining is irreparable. The soil in the affected areas will never regenerate.



I can describe changes between the past and the present	~
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(9) With difficulty	



Read the article about eco-solutions given by kids from different parts of Colombia. Label the paragraphs with the expressions.

Save energy

Save water

Reduce waste

Travelling Eco-footprint

Our ecological footprint follows us everywhere. When we travel, we have an impact on the places we visit. Even when we go on holiday, we still have a responsibility to be ecofriendly. Learn to be an eco-friendly traveller by following this advice from local kids.

a.

Tanacio, from Sierra Nevada

I live in a Kogui community in Sierra Nevada. I take care of the rivers in the mountains by using natural soaps to wash our clothes. Tourists can help to keep our rivers clean by not using polluting cleaning products when they visit us.



I help reduce waste in my community by recycling plastic bottles. When tourists come, they buy a lot of water and throw away the empty bottles. Tourists can help by putting their bottles in the recycling bins in our town.





c.

Mayra from Valledupar

Valledupar is very hot, so it's important to plant trees because they provide oxygen and shade. We all plant trees near the house because they keep the area cool. When you come to Valledupar, you can help by turning off the air-conditioning when you leave your hotel room.

Read »

Match the facts to the paragraphs in the text.

- There are about 35 rivers that come from the Sierra Nevada and they produce one hundred thousand million cubic metres of water.
- For every ton of recycled paper, we can save 17 trees.
- The average time for a plastic bottle to biodegrade is about 450 years.





. Use your own ideas to explain how to be a green traveller.

When travelling, we can:

- a. reduce carbon emissions by ...
- **b.** save water by ...
- c. save energy by ...
- d. reduce pollution by ...

WH/QUESTIONS PRACTICE

I.	Select	the	correct	Wh	question	word
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1. ___ is your name?
What / Where
When / Who

2. ___ is your favorite actress?
What / Why
When / Who

3. ___ are you from?
What / Where
When / Who

4. ___ is your birthday?
Whose / Where
When / Who

5. ___ color is your new car?
What / How
Where / Whose

6. ____ old are you? What / How Which / Whose

7. ___ books are these? Why / How

Where / Whose

8. ___ did you quit your job?

Who / Which Why / Whose

9. ___ are you going to America?

Who / What When / Which

10. ___ aren't you going to

Peter's party?

What / How

Where / Why

PRODUCTION TIME:

- 1. Make the 152 verb flashcards taking into account the teacher's instructions.
- 2. Make a creative MIND MAP for <u>each one</u> of the gramatical tenses worked in this first term (
 Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple, Past Continuous). Include:
 - *Use
 - *Grammar form (+,-,?)
 - *Auxiliaries
 - *Rules or exceptions
 - *Time expressions or signal words
- 3. MY TITAN:
 - A. Choose one of the environmental problems worked in class.
 - B. Look for information about it and copy it in the file.
 - C. Now, taking into account the problem you chose, you are going to create a TITAN which is going to protect the planet EARTH from this problem. BE CREATIVE.
 - D. Draw it with all the accessories.
 - E. Now, make in a 1/8 of cardboard the FACT FILE of your TITAN. Follow the instructions given by the teacher in the different classes of the FIRST TERM.

DO NOT FORGET TO STUDY FOR THE EVALUATION