Lesson 29 — Use of English: Comparatives and Superlatives

Name: _____ Class: 10 ____ Date: _____

30 useful words and phrases. Read each item, study the Uzbek meaning and the example sentence, then do the exercises.

A. Comparing jobs

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
1	**easy**	oson	Selling ice cream is **easier** than working on a building site.
2	**confident**	o‘ziga ishongan	Dilnoza is the most **confident** speaker in our class.
3	**boring**	zerikarli	Filling in forms is the most **boring** part of my mum’s job.
4	**interesting**	qiziqarli	For me, journalism is more **interesting** than accounting.
5	**satisfied**	mamnun, qoniqqan	I’m less **satisfied** with my new timetable than with the old one.
6	**busy**	band; gavjum (odam ko‘p)	Friday is the **busiest** day of the week at the café.
7	**peaceful**	osoyishta, tinch	Working in a library is more **peaceful** than working in a busy shop.
8	**a holiday job**	ta’til paytidagi ish	My **holiday job** was harder than I had expected.
9	**a customer**	mijoz, xaridor	The **customers** at the market were friendlier than the ones in town.

B. An unusual job

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
10	**an occupation**	kasb, mashg‘ulot	Teaching is one of the oldest **occupations** in the world.
11	**ordinary**	oddiy, odatiy	My job is more **ordinary** than yours, but I like it.
12	**unusual**	g‘ayrioddiy, noodatiy	Emma has a more **unusual** job than her sister.
13	**a hand model**	qo‘l modeli (reklamada qo‘li suratga olinadi)	A **hand model** takes better care of her hands than most people.
14	**a surprised stare**	hayron nigoh	The most **surprised stare** came from my grandma when I told her about my new job.
15	**a magazine ad**	jurnaldagi reklama	Her hands appear in more **magazine ads** than anyone else’s.
16	**pretty**	chiroyli, go‘zal	Khiva is one of the **prettiest** towns in Uzbekistan.
17	**communicate an idea**	g‘oyani yetkazmoq (ifoda etmoq)	A good photo can **communicate an idea** more quickly than a long text.
18	**strength**	kuch, quvvat	A labourer’s job needs more **strength** than an office job.
19	**freedom**	erkinlik	Freelancers have more **freedom** than office workers.
20	**a trip abroad**	chet elga safar	This year my dad went on more **trips abroad** than ever before.
21	**get satisfaction from**	…dan qoniqish hosil qilmoq	Which job do you think people **get** the most **satisfaction from**?

C. More words to describe jobs

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
22	**demanding**	mashaqqatli, ko‘p kuch talab qiladigan	A pilot’s job is more **demanding** than a gardener’s.
23	**flexible**	moslashuvchan, erkin (ish vaqti)	My aunt’s new job has more **flexible** hours than her old one.
24	**paperwork**	hujjat ishlari, qog‘ozbozlik	Teachers do much more **paperwork** than they did ten years ago.
25	**difficult**	qiyin, murakkab	Is a doctor’s job more **difficult** than a teacher’s?
26	**dangerous**	xavfli	Mining is one of the most **dangerous** jobs in the world.
27	**safe**	xavfsiz	Working in an office is **safer** than working on a building site.
28	**exciting**	hayajonli, qiziqarli	Being a reporter is more **exciting** than I had expected.
29	**a heavy workload**	og‘ir ish yuki	Nurses usually have a **heavier workload** than receptionists.
30	**a skilled worker**	malakali ishchi	An electrician is a more **skilled worker** than a labourer.

Reading — today's words in context

Read the text. The words in **bold** are from today's list — cover the table above and try to understand them from the sentence.

Two summer jobs

Last summer my friend Jasur and I both had **holiday jobs**. I worked in a café, and he helped his uncle, who is a builder. At first I thought my job was much **easier** than his, but I was wrong.

The café was **busier** than I had expected, and the **customers** were less patient than my teachers! Jasur’s job was harder physically, but he said it was more **peaceful** than mine, because nobody shouted at him.

In the end, Jasur was better paid, but I think I had the most **interesting** summer of all my friends. I met hundreds of people, and the more I talked to them, the more **confident** I became. My English is not as good as Jasur’s yet — but my coffee is the best in town!

Answer the questions in one sentence.

1. What did the writer think about the café job at first?
2. Why was the café job difficult?
3. Why did Jasur find his job more peaceful?
4. Who earned more money?
5. Find a sentence with ‘the + comparative, the + comparative’.

Exercise 1 — Gap fill

Complete the sentences with one word or phrase from the list.

1. This job is much _____ than my last one. (easy)
2. He’s the _____ confident child I know.
3. Doctors are generally _____ paid than nurses. (well)
4. The exam wasn’t _____ difficult as I had expected.
5. Kim finished her work more quickly _____ everyone else.

6. I am _____ satisfied than I was in my old job. (opposite of more)

7. Tashkent is the _____ city in Uzbekistan. (big)

8. That was the _____ day of my life. (happy)

9. The _____ you practise, the better you get.

10. Who lives the _____ from school? (far)

Exercise 2 — Match the word with its Uzbek meaning

#	English		Uzbek
1	get satisfaction from	a)	kasb, mashg‘ulot
2	a magazine ad	b)	hayajonli, qiziqarli
3	exciting	c)	jurnaldagi reklama
4	safe	d)	oson
5	an occupation	e)	xavfsiz
6	easy	f)	qo‘l modeli (reklamada qo‘li suratga olinadi)
7	communicate an idea	g)	g‘oyani yetkazmoq (ifoda etmoq)
8	busy	h)	…dan qoniqish hosil qilmoq
9	a hand model	i)	g‘ayrioddiy, noodatiy
10	unusual	j)	band; gavjum (odam ko‘p)

Exercise 3 — Your own sentences

Write 3 true sentences about yourself, your family or your school — one word from each section (A-C). Underline the word you use.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Homework

1. Laser B1+ Workbook p. 28, ex. 1–3.

2. Learn the 30 items with the flashcards: sozlar.com/vocab/cards/?set=grade10-lesson29

3. Write six sentences comparing two jobs with words from the cards: two with comparatives, two with superlatives, one with as … as and one with less … than.

Memory tasks (optional — choose one)

Students need to meet a word 5–7 times before they really know it.

1. **Sentences (tonight).** Write 8 true sentences using words from the list — at least one from every section.

2. **Flashcards.** sozlar.com/vocab/cards/?set=grade10-lesson29 — listen to each word, then test yourself English → Uzbek and back.

3. **Short text (100–120 words).** Use at least six words from the list.

4. **Speaking.** Tell a partner about the topic for one minute without stopping, using ten words from the list.

Answer key (teacher's copy)

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Reading questions: 1. That it was much easier than Jasur’s job.; 2. It was busier than expected, and the customers were less patient than the writer’s teachers.; 3. Because nobody shouted at him.; 4. Jasur — he was better paid.; 5. The more I talked to them, the more confident I became.

Exercise 1: 1. easier; 2. most; 3. better; 4. as; 5. than; 6. less; 7. biggest; 8. happiest; 9. more; 10. furthest

Exercise 2: 1-h 2-c 3-b 4-e 5-a 6-d 7-g 8-j 9-f 10-i