



Four families (Grammar)

- Description:** Comparing people and houses to find the answer to a logic puzzle.
- Use with or after:** *English Network 2 (New Edition)*, Unit 1, Step 2.
- Skill:** Grammar
- Focus:** Comparatives and superlatives
- Time:** 15 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out both pages of this file and make a copy of the worksheet for each student.
 - Cut on the dotted line between parts 1 and 2.
- Procedure:**
- Divide the class into pairs or groups of three.
 - If necessary, remind them how to form the comparative (Unit 1, Step 1) and superlative (Unit 1, Step 2) forms of adjectives.
 - Give out part 1 of the activity. Tell the students that they can find out the names of these families by reading the information and using their logic. To do this, the students will have to make sentences using comparative and superlative structures.
 - When monitoring this activity, make sure that the students use the word *than*, not *as* in sentences like: *He's taller than his wife.*
 - When one group has finished, they should compare their answers with another group before you check their answers with the key.
 - Give out part 2 of the activity. Using the given information, the same groups work out which family lives in each house.

If short of time, you could have them do parts 1 and 2 in separate lessons.

Key:

Part 1: A - White, B - Black, C - Brown, D - Green.

Part 2: A - the Browns, B - the blacks, C - the Greens, D - the Whites



Part 1



A



B



C

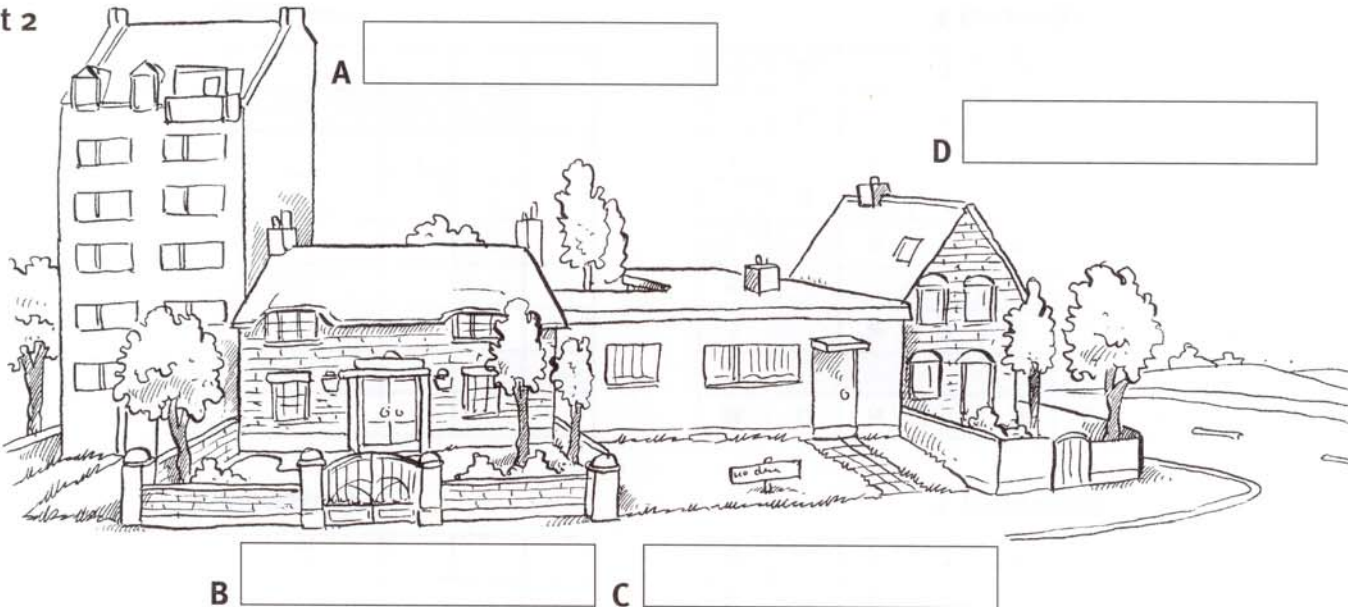
These families all live in the same street. Their names are Brown, Black, Green and White. With your partner(s), read the information below and find out the names of the families. Then write their names in the boxes. When you have finished, check your answers with another group.

- Mr and Mrs Black are older than Mr and Mrs Brown.
- Mr and Mrs Green have got the biggest family.
- The Browns are parents but haven't got as many children as the Greens.
- Mr Black is taller than his wife.



D

Part 2



Here is some more information about the four families. Now decide which of these houses each family lives in and write the name in the box.

- The Browns have got the best view because they live on the sixth floor.
- A family with a name beginning with B lives in the most expensive house.
- The bungalow is the quietest house in the street because there are no children or dogs in it!
- The Greens have got more children than their neighbours but they have got a smaller garden.