

## Election day (Grammar)

**Description:** A walk around activity to practice comparatives.

**Use with or after:** *English Network Connection*, Unit 8.

**Skill:** Grammar

**Focus:** Comparison of adjectives and adverbs.

**Time:** 10 minutes

**Preparation:**

- Print out the second and third pages of this file, on stiff paper if possible.
- Cut along the dotted lines to obtain sixteen cue cards, eight with adjectives and eight with adverbs.
- If you have more than sixteen students, print out one of the pages again and use some of the cards twice. If you have a smaller group, make a selection using more or less equal numbers of adjective and adverb cards.

**Procedure:**

- Draw two signs on the board, and label them “Vote for Andy” and “Vote for Zeb”.
- Explain that it is election day in the small town of Fenwood, Wisconsin, USA. Andy Smith and Zeb Bailey are both running for mayor. (*Running for* is the American expression: in Britain it would be *standing for*.) Andy and Zeb are both local businessmen and are both very popular, so the townspeople are not at all sure who to vote for.
- Write two examples on the board:

Andy is a very nice person. Yes, but Zeb is even nicer.	Zeb always drives carefully. Yes, but Andy drives even more carefully.
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- Explain that whenever anyone says anything in praise of one of the candidates, you should agree but say that the other candidate is even more so.
- Give each student one of the cue cards. Ask them to stand up, walk around and talk to one person at a time. At each encounter they should read out the first sentence on their card and check that the other person says the correct second sentence. The students should correct each other in case there are mistakes.
- Take a card yourself and do the activity with them.

Andy is a very friendly person.

Yes, but Zeb is even friendlier.

Zeb always speaks very politely.

Yes, but Andy speaks even more politely.

Zeb is a very successful businessman.

Yes, but Andy is even more successful.

Andy works very hard.

Yes, but Zeb works even harder.

Andy is a very good speaker.

Yes, but Zeb is even better.

Zeb always listens to people very carefully.

Yes, but Andy listens even more carefully.

Zeb is a very tolerant person.

Yes, but Andy is even more tolerant.

In any situation, Andy always reacts appropriately.

Yes, but Zeb reacts even more appropriately.

Andy is very strong.

Yes, but Zeb is even stronger.

Zeb reads very fast.

Yes, but Andy reads even faster.

Zeb is a very sensitive person.

Yes, but Andy is even more sensitive.

Andy makes friends very easily.

Yes, but Zeb makes friends even more easily.

Andy is a very handsome man.

Yes, but Zeb is even more handsome.

Zeb always works happily.

Yes, but Andy works even more happily.

Zeb is a very funny speaker.

Yes, but Andy is even funnier.

Andy always greets people sincerely.

Yes, but Zeb greets them even more sincerely.