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Business Comparisons

Student A

Read each sentence below to your partner. Use the word 'blank' for the missing word. Can your partner guess the missing comparative?

1. Writing an email is _____ than writing a letter. (quicker)
2. Sending a postcard is _____ than sending a letter. (cheaper)
3. Minutes written in shorthand are _____ to read than minutes written in longhand. (more difficult)
4. A message left on an answering machine is _____ to ignore than a note stuck on a computer screen. (easier)
5. The paper you print out a memo on is usually _____ than the paper you write a note on. (bigger)
6. In my country, sending texts is _____ than sending emails. (more popular)
7. Using emoticons is _____ than using abbreviations and acronyms. (friendlier)
8. Writing an SMS is _____ than writing an email on a computer keyboard. (faster)
9. Cancelling a meeting by texting someone is _____ than cancelling a meeting by leaving a message on an answering machine. (worse)
10. Making the coffee is _____ than writing a report. (more interesting)

Discuss each sentence with your partner. Do you agree or disagree with the statements?

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Student B

Read each sentence below to your partner. Use the word 'blank' for the missing word. Can your partner guess the missing comparative?

1. A polite email to a client is usually _____ than an informal email to a colleague. (longer)

2. An SMS is usually _____ than an email. (shorter)

3. Sending a letter is _____ than sending an email. (more romantic)

4. A memo is _____ than a company newsletter. (more important)

5. BCCing someone is _____ than CCing someone. (more private)

6. Sending a signed contract by bicycle courier is _____ than faxing a signed contract. (more official)

7. Typing up the minutes of a meeting is _____ than writing a report. (more boring)

8. People who send very short emails with lots of abbreviations, acronyms and emoticons are usually _____ than people who write out everything in full. (busier)

9. A note is _____ than a memo. (shorter)

10. Speaking to someone directly is _____ than speaking to someone on the phone. (better)

Discuss each sentence with your partner. Do you agree or disagree with the statements?