

# The dance competition

## Introduction

- **Level:** A2
- **Skills:** Writing
- **Topics:** Comparatives and superlatives
- **Merging subjects:** Creative thinking, problem-solving, critical thinking

## The enigma

- **Keywords**

The participants have to complete the table with the missing information from the story. First the participants have to complete the sentences with the missing comparative or superlative words in order to obtain a 5<sup>th</sup> clue, which will help them complete the table. Then they read the 5 clues and solve the puzzle. Add the five clues The numbers from the age, weight and height added will give them the lock combination for the next puzzle.

Project the first two sentences of the text on the wall, on a board, or on any clear surface (Ana, Petra and Jenny, are dancers from Spain, Poland and England. They are all participating in an international dancing championship). Highlight the name of the countries.

They have to find a map in the room next and on the back of the map write the next sentence (They are 14, 15 and 16 years old and weight 60, 55 and 66 kilos). Highlight the words 'weight' and 'kilos'. Then they should find a piece of gym equipment (a small medicine ball or a dumbbell). Attached to that will be the last part of the text and the printed clues they have to complete with the correct comparative and superlative (They are 1.7, 1.6 and 1.8 meters high. Use the following clues to determinate their name, age, weight, height and nationality).

Once they've completed the 4 clues, they have to show the answers to the game master who will project the fifth clue on the wall together with the final table. Students have to solve the puzzle and complete the table. Once they do so, a new message will pop up projected on the wall containing Petra's name only. When they add all the number together in order they will get the key to open the new puzzle. (age, weight, height – 16, 55, 16).



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- **Toolbox**

Worksheet, projector, map, gym equipment

- **Description of the enigma**

TEXT:

Ana, Petra and Jenny, are dancers from Spain, Poland and England. They are all participating in an international dancing championship. They are 14, 15 and 16 years old and weight 60, 55 and 66 kilos. They are 1.7, 1.6 and 1.8 meters high. Use the following clues to determinate their name, age, weight, height and nationality.

CLUES:

Ana is not the \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ than Petra (old, young)

Petra is five kilos \_\_\_\_\_ than Jenny (heavy)

The Polish girl is the \_\_\_\_\_ (short).

The \_\_\_\_\_ girl is \_\_\_\_\_ than the Spanish girl who weights 60 kilos. (young, tall)

Petra is not English. The Spanish girl is fifteen years old.

NAME	AGE	WEIGHT	HIGH	NATIONALITY
JENNY				
PETRA				
ANA				

## Solution

NAME	AGE	WEIGHT	HIGH	NATIONALITY
JENNY	15	60	1.7	SPANISH
PETRA	16	55	1.6	POLISH
ANA	14	66	1.8	ENGLISH



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1. Oldest, younger
2. heavier
3. shortest
4. youngest, taller

## Hints

Gapped text can be added similar to the hangman game to help the students form the adjectives (O \_ \_ \_ T).

