



## Sweet Comparisons

### Objective:

To help children understand and use the vocabulary of comparison: equal to, more than, less than, most, and least.

### Materials Needed:

Sealed packets of sweets (enough for each child to have an equal amount)  
A small table or flat surface for each group of children.

### Instructions

#### Preparation

Gather the children and give each one a sealed packet of sweets. Ensure that each packet contains the same number of sweets so that everyone starts with an equal amount.

#### Divide the Sweets

Ask the children to place the sealed sweets in front of them on the table.  
Explain that right now, everyone has an equal number of sweets.

#### Activity Round 1

Choose one child to eat one sweet and another child to eat two sweets.  
Allow them to eat comfortably while the other children observe.

#### Discussion

Ask the child who ate one sweet: "Do you have more or less than the other children now?"  
Discuss the child's response, ensuring they understand the concept of "less than" when comparing their sweets to the others.

#### Activity Round 2

Ask the child who ate two sweets: "Now that you've eaten your sweets, do you have fewer or more than everyone else?"

Engage the class in a discussion to determine who has the "most" and who has the "least."  
Continue doing this until the child understand or until there is no more sweets left.

#### Closing Discussion

Discuss with the class using additional examples, reinforcing the vocabulary. You can prompt questions like:

"Who has fewer sweets now?"

"Which child has the most sweets?"

"Who has the least number of sweets?"

### **Wrap-Up**

Review the terms learned: equal to, more than, less than, most, and least.

Encourage children to use these terms when discussing quantities in other contexts.

Ensure all sweets are consumed responsibly, with permission from parents or guardians, and cater to any dietary restrictions or allergies. This activity not only enhances mathematical vocabulary but is also a fun, interactive way for children to learn about comparisons in a practical setting.