

1 VOCABULARY types of numbers

a Circle the correct way of saying the numbers.

- Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of students in our class say they are impatient.
three-fourths / three-quarters
- Research shows 47% of web users wait for two seconds or less for a page to load.
forty-seven per cent / forty-seven per cents
- More than 5,000 homes in our town now have super-fast broadband.
five thousands / five thousand
- A BMW M3 can go from 0–60 in 4.3 seconds.
four point three / four dot three
- There are over 1,850 trees in the park.
eighteen fifty / one thousand eight hundred and fifty
- The population of our city is 210,000.
two hundred ten thousand / two hundred and ten thousand

b Complete the sentences in two ways: in a with a number and in b with the exact words you would use.

- New Year's Day is on January
a 1st
b the first
- Half of 56 is
a _____
b _____
- Is 0.75 the same as $\frac{1}{2}$?
a No, it's the same as _____
b No, it's the same as _____
- Half of 3,500 is
a _____
b _____
- As a percentage, $\frac{1}{2}$ is
a _____
b _____

2 GRAMMAR comparative adjectives and adverbs, as...as

a Circle the correct words.

- I only have 20 minutes for lunch, so I always eat *quick* / *quickly*.
- I lived in Dubai for ten years, so I speak Arabic *fluent* / *fluently*.
- The meal was very *good* / *well*, but it was very expensive.
- When you've finished writing your article, go back and check it *careful* / *carefully*.
- It's *easy* / *easily* to lose weight if you do lots of exercise.
- It was a great holiday, but we had really *bad* / *badly* weather.
- I've met Matt a few times, but I don't know him *good* / *well*.
- I really like our new teacher because she explains everything very *clear* / *clearly*.

b Complete the sentences with a correct comparative adjective or adverb.

- My new boss is more patient than my old one. (patient)
- We aren't in a hurry. You can drive a bit _____. (slow)
- The summers here are _____ than they were in the past. (hot)
- I failed the exam. I'll work _____ next time. (hard)
- It's _____ to my parents' house than it is to my boyfriend's. (far)
- My husband is a _____ cook than me. (good)
- A motorbike is _____ than a car. (dangerous)
- You type _____ than me. (quick)

c Rewrite the sentences with as...as.

- 1 My new car goes faster than my old one.
My old car doesn't go as fast as my new one.
- 2 Her shoes were more expensive than her handbag.
Her handbag wasn't _____.
- 3 My sister's office is bigger than mine.
My office isn't _____.
- 4 Spain played better than Germany.
Germany didn't _____.
- 5 You drive more carefully than me.
I don't _____.
- 6 Harry looks more relaxed than Sally.
Sally doesn't _____.

d Look at the chart comparing life today and five years ago. Complete the sentences.

Daily life in numbers		
	Five years ago	Today
1 	£85 per week	£112 per week
2 	876 per 1,000 people	1,045 per 1,000 people
3 	£24,000	£15,000
4 	10/year	8/year
5 	68 minutes/day	74 minutes/day
6 	39%	38%

- 1 **expensive** Food is more expensive than it was five years ago.
- 2 **popular** Phones are _____ they were five years ago.
- 3 **expensive** Electric cars aren't as _____ they were five years ago.
- 4 **small** Cinema audiences are _____.
- 5 **bad** The traffic _____.
- 6 **happy** People _____.



3 PRONUNCIATION /ə/

a Circle the /ə/ sounds in these words and phrases.

- 1 busier
- 2 not as old as
- 3 better
- 4 as good as
- 5 more than
- 6 quicker

b 5.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words and phrases.

c Read the sentences and look at the **bold** letters. Circle the /ə/ sounds.

- 1 The 10.15 train's **much** faster **than** the 9.55.
- 2 His last book **wasn't** as good **as** his first one.
- 3 I'm **busier** than I was **last** year.
- 4 It's **cheaper** to buy that kind **of** thing **online**.
- 5 I don't spend **as** much time **working** **as** before.
- 6 This test isn't **as** easy **as** it looks.

d 5.2 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.