

141) Fill in: *not as ... as, the more ... the more, would rather, prefer ... to, as ... as, the least ... of, whereas, such ... as, the same ... as, more ... than, the most ... of, faster and faster or twice as much ... as.*

Dear Customer,

I'd like to tell you about three different cars: the BMW (£20,000), the Volvo (£15,000) and the Mini (£11,000).

Cars today are getting (1) *faster and faster* and the new BMW can reach speeds of up to 200 mph. The BMW is (2)

\_\_\_\_\_ expensive \_\_\_\_\_ the three, but as you know, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ you pay, \_\_\_\_\_ you

get. It comes with a fitted car stereo and air conditioning. Although using twice (4) \_\_\_\_\_ petrol

\_\_\_\_\_ the Mini, it is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ economical \_\_\_\_\_ the three. The Mini offers value for

money, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the BMW offers speed and comfort. If you are looking for a small, economical car, the

Mini is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ good a bargain \_\_\_\_\_ you will find anywhere. Because of its small size it is not (8)

\_\_\_\_\_ a comfortable car \_\_\_\_\_ the BMW, but it is the best car available for those who (9)

\_\_\_\_\_ simplicity \_\_\_\_\_ luxury. Finally, the Volvo is the best value for those who (10) \_\_\_\_\_

buy a family car. Seating up to six passengers comfortably, it is much (11) \_\_\_\_\_ spacious \_\_\_\_\_

the other two cars and it is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ expensive \_\_\_\_\_ the BMW. It is quite fast too, reaching

speeds of up to 190 mph – nearly (13) \_\_\_\_\_ speed \_\_\_\_\_ the BMW!

Why don't you come down to the show room and have a look for yourself?

Yours faithfully,

John Scarles

31) **Adjectives/adverbs. Complete the conversation. Decide if you need *ly* with the words in brackets.**

A: How did you get on with Henry today?

B: Oh, we had a nice lunch and some (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (live) conversation. Henry was charming, as usual. He gave me a lift back to the office, but it was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (hard) worth risking our lives to save a few minutes. He (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (near) killed us.

A: What do you mean?

B: Well, we'd sat a bit too (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (long) over our meal, and we were (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (late) getting back to work. Henry drove very (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (fast). I tried (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (hard) to keep calm, but I was quite scared. We went (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (wrong) and missed a left turn, and Henry got annoyed. Then a van came round the corner, and it was coming (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (straight) at us. I don't know how we missed it.

A: Well, I'm glad you did. And next time you'd better take a taxi.

50) Match 1–14 with a–o to make compound adjectives.

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|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| 0 dark-   | a) hand        | dark-haired |
| 1 absent- | b) legged      |             |
| 2 easy-   | c) selling     |             |
| 3 second- | d) hearted     |             |
| 4 newly-  | e) haired      |             |
| 5 well-   | f) looking     |             |
| 6 long-   | g) dressed     |             |
| 7 hard-   | h) eyed        |             |
| 8 best-   | i) minded      |             |
| 9 brand-  | j) new         |             |
| 10 kind-  | k) married     |             |
| 11 air-   | l) confident   |             |
| 12 good-  | m) working     |             |
| 13 self-  | n) conditioned |             |
| 14 green- | o) going       |             |



52) Complete the sentences. Use compound adjectives from the table above.

- Her hair? I'm not sure — I think she was dark-haired. No, wait — she was blonde.
- Everyone congratulated the newly-married couple.
- She's always well-dressed and has a fine sense of style. She spends a lot of money on her clothes.
- No, I don't think he's ugly! In fact, I find him quite easy-going.
- I'll have to buy a second-hand computer; I can't afford a new one.
- The Last Sign* is the latest science fiction novel by best-selling author Trevor Woods.
- He never remembers anything. He's very forgetful.
- I wish I were as confident as she is. I just wish I could believe in myself!
- She was always very hard-working at school, which is why she always got full marks in all the tests.
- He's very easy-going: always relaxed and happy to accept things without getting upset or worried.
- Our room was small and dark but at least it was comfortable.

140) **Double comparatives. Complete the sentences, using comparative expressions made from the words in brackets.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ people have, \_\_\_\_\_ they often are. (money/satisfied)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I get, \_\_\_\_\_ the years seem to pass by. (old/fast)
- \_\_\_\_\_ you have to do something, \_\_\_\_\_ it takes you to do it. (time/long)
- \_\_\_\_\_ you go to bed, \_\_\_\_\_ you will feel in the morning. (late/refreshed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ he eats, \_\_\_\_\_ he will be. (fast food/healthy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ you do before an exam, \_\_\_\_\_ the chance of passing it. (preparation/great)
- \_\_\_\_\_ people do, \_\_\_\_\_ they tend to become. (travelling/open-minded)
- Some people think that \_\_\_\_\_ children are when they start to learn a second language, \_\_\_\_\_ they will find it. (young/easy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ you have to travel to work, \_\_\_\_\_ you should set off in the morning. (far/early)
- \_\_\_\_\_ you eat now, \_\_\_\_\_ you'll be at dinner time. (biscuits/hungry)