1 Vocabulary

Read the phrases below and then complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

attend → a class / a lesson / a course / school
sit (for) / take → an exam / a test
do well in / pass / fail → an exam / a test
miss → an exam / a test / a class / a lesson / school
get → exam results / good or bad marks
revise for → an exam / a test

1. Hurry up! You're going to _____ your karate class.
2. John and I _____ the same course. We're classmates and best friends.
3. My brother is nervous because he is _____ his English exam tomorrow. If he _____, our parents are going to let him go to London with our cousins.
4. Unfortunately, I _____ the chemistry exam. I hope to _____ good results in my physics exam.

2 Read

A. Look at the first picture. What do you think the girls are looking at? Listen to the dialogues and check. Then read them out in groups.



Josie Hey, Lucy! Come and check this out!
Lucy What is it?... Stamps?
Josie Yeah. I've found some really cool ones... Miss Foster gave us a project to do.
Lucy Sounds pretty boring.
Josie It isn't. Do you know when the first stamp came out?
Lucy Beats me.
Josie In 1840! Stamps are more interesting than you might think! Do you want to see the oldest stamp in the world? Look...
Lucy Actually, I have to run. I'm going to the library.
Josie What for? Are you going to revise for a test?
Lucy Sort of. I'm taking part in a spelling bee.
Josie You're kidding! I thought you hated that kind of stuff.
Lucy Well, it's less exciting than the school sports day last month, but I've decided to give it a go.

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Josie OK then, can you get me a book?
Lucy Sure. What's the title?
Josie *Philately*.
Lucy Come again?
Josie *Philately*. It means collecting stamps.
Lucy Oh, OK.



Josie Hello?
Lucy I can't find your book. I searched all the titles that start with 'f'.
Josie You don't spell 'philately' with 'f'. It's with 'ph'.
Lucy Oh!



Josie It's Lucy's turn. If she gets this one correct, she'll win!
Woman The word is 'philately'.
Josie Huh?!
Lucy Philately. P-H-I-L-A-T-E-L-Y. Philately.
Woman Congratulations!



Josie Well done! Philately isn't as boring as you thought, is it?
Lucy Ha ha! I guess not.

B. Read the dialogues again. Find sentences to prove the following.

1. Lucy isn't really interested in Josie's project.
2. Lucy doesn't know much about stamps.
3. Lucy is in a hurry.
4. Josie is surprised with Lucy's decision to take part in the spelling bee.
5. Lucy searched under the wrong letter in the library.

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3 Grammar

Comparison of adjectives and adverbs

Comparative forms

- *Henry can run **faster than** Keith.*
- *Chemistry is **more difficult than** maths.*

Superlative forms

- *Steve is **the oldest** student in my class.*
- *Sally got **the best** marks in biology.*

(not) as... as

- *I can draw **as well as** my sister.*
- *Pool is**n't as boring as** chess.*

less... than... / the least...

- *History is **less exciting than** biology, but physics is **the least exciting** lesson of all.*

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives or adverbs in brackets.

1. This is one of the _____ (modern) buildings in the city.
2. Steve did _____ (good) than I did in the exam.
3. The blue backpack is _____ (little) expensive than the red one.
4. Fay doesn't get up as _____ (early) as Daniel.

All one-syllable and most two-syllable adjectives take *-er/-est*

short - shorter - the shortest
happy - happier - the happiest
big - bigger - the biggest

Adjectives with three or more syllables and some two-syllable adjectives take: more + adjective / most + adjective

interesting - more interesting - the most interesting

All one-syllable adverbs and **early** take *-er/-est*

fast - faster - the fastest
early - earlier - the earliest

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4 Pronunciation

A. Listen and repeat. What's the difference between a and b?

a. French b. fridge

B. Listen and tick (✓) the sound you hear.

	French /tʃ/	fridge /dʒ/
jeans		
checked		
teenager		
match		
century		
imagine		

A. Talk in pairs. What do you think about the activities below? Choose a pair of activities and compare them using the phrases and adjectives in the boxes.

I think...
I believe...
In my opinion...
I agree...
I don't know about that...
I'm not sure...
I disagree...

revising for an exam - sitting for an exam

PE lessons - chemistry lessons

attending school - doing homework

exciting
boring
difficult
easy
tiring

I think revising for an exam is more tiring than sitting for an exam.

I disagree. I think that it's difficult and...

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