1. According to the chart, which country had the biggest number of visitors to Vietnam in 2001?
2. How many French visitors arrived in Vietnam in 2001?
3. Which country had the smallest number of visitors to Vietnam in 2002?
4. Is the number of Australian visitors coming to Vietnam in 2001 greater than that in 2002?
5. Which country, France or Australia, had more visitors to Vietnam in 2002?
6. How did the number of American visitors to Vietnam in 2002 increase in comparison with that in 2001?

☞ **Task 2.** Based on the answers to the questions above, write a description of the chart provided in Task 1.

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- **Pronunciation:** / ʒ / – / ʃ /
- **Grammar and vocabulary:**
  - **1. Comparatives and superlatives**
  - **2. Making comparisons**

Pronunciation

- Listen and repeat.

/ ʒ /		/ ʃ /	
television	Asia	shop	washing
pleasure	illusion	machine	English
measure	massage	Swedish	special

- Practise these sentences.

1. It's his pleasure to visit Asia.
2. You shouldn't have any illusions about television.
3. A massage can be a good measure to help you relax.
4. Does this shop sell washing machines?
5. Is he English or Swedish?
6. Is there anything special on TV tonight?

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Grammar and vocabulary

• Comparatives and superlatives

Exercise 1. Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
1. cheap	*cheaper*	*the cheapest*
2. expensive	*more expensive*	*the most expensive*
3. young	_____	_____
4. happy	_____	_____
5. big	_____	_____
6. busy	_____	_____
7. intelligent	_____	_____
8. beautiful	_____	_____
9. bad	_____	_____
10. far	_____	_____
11. new	_____	_____
12. dangerous	_____	_____

Exercise 2. Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions.

1. family/the/am/my/in/I/oldest
   I am the oldest in my family.
2. sister/me/my/than/younger/is
   _____
3. class/who/oldest/the/the/in/is/?
   _____
4. passenger/plane/used to be/Concord/world/fastest/the/in/the
   _____
5. book/interesting/than/my/your/more/is/book
   _____
6. bought/expensive/shop/the/in/watch/most/Peter/the
   _____

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7. cheapest/buy/you/shop/in/the/the/did/watch/?

_____

8. difficult/German/English/is/than/more/much

_____

9. weather/better/today/than/much/is/yesterday/the

_____

• Making comparisons

Exercise 3. Look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. Put a tick (✓) for each correct line. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in the space.

Transport solutions

First of all, walking is obviously the cheapest	.....✓.....
means of travelling, and can be the quicker	.....*the*.....
in a city centre. Of course, the further you have	1.....
to go, the more so tired you will become.	2.....
In some ways walking is more healthier than	3.....
travelling by bus or car, but it can be just as the	4.....
unhealthy because cities are the much more	5.....
polluted than they used to be. Cars are faster	6.....
of course and more than convenient, but as cities	7.....
become more of crowded, parking is getting	8.....
harder. Sometimes public transport is better,	9.....
even though buses don't go as fast as cars do it.	10.....
Cars are a lot more and convenient but as they	11.....
cause most pollution, it is the better to avoid	12.....
using them if possible. In a city the fastest way	13.....
of travelling is on a bike, which keeps you fitter	14.....
and is not so that noisy as a motorbike or a car.	15.....

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