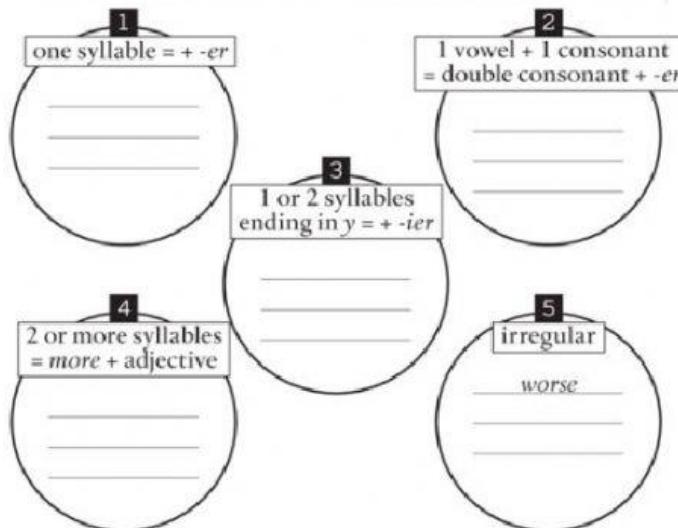


Quiz night

1 GRAMMAR comparative adjectives

a Write the comparative forms of these adjectives in the correct circle.

bad beautiful cheap dry sad difficult dirty
cold far wet high hungry comfortable thin good



b Write sentences using the opposite adjective.

- 1 A bike is slower than a car.
A car is faster than a bike.
- 2 Lions are smaller than tigers.
Tigers are bigger.
- 3 Brazil is wetter than Argentina.
Argentina is drier.
- 4 January is longer than February.
February is shorter.
- 5 A laptop is more expensive than an iPod.
An iPod is cheaper.
- 6 Fridays are better than Mondays.
Mondays are worse.
- 7 A stove is hotter than a refrigerator.
A refrigerator is colder.
- 8 Spanish is easier than English.
English is more difficult.

2 VOCABULARY high numbers

a **iChecker** Listen and circle the correct numbers.

1 104	304
2 586	596
3 2,670	2,660
4 8,905	9,905
5 11,750	12,750
6 543,830	553,830
7 1,315,000	1,350,000
8 25,460,000	35,460,000

b **iChecker** Listen and write the numbers in words.

1 125	
2 895	
3 4,500	
4 12,470	
5 33,930	
6 575,600	
7 6,250,000	
8 34,800,265	

3 PRONUNCIATION /ɔ:/, sentence stress

a Write the words in the chart.

better	bigger	cheaper	colder	dirtier	drier	easier
healthier	higher	slower	thinner	worse		

tree	Fish	bird	egg	phone	bike
			<u>better</u>		

b **iChecker** Listen and repeat.

c **iChecker** Listen and underline the stressed words.

- 1 A pencil is cheaper than a pen.
- 2 China is bigger than Japan.
- 3 The kitchen is dirtier than the living room.
- 4 An apple is healthier than a cookie.
- 5 Canada is colder than Mexico.
- 6 Everest is higher than Kilimanjaro.

d **iChecker** Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

4 READING

a Read the sentences. Do you think they are T (true) or F (false)? Then read the article and check.

- 1 There are fewer car accidents on Tax Day. —
- 2 Elephants remember more than other animals. —
- 3 South America is bigger than North America. —
- 4 Margarine is healthier than butter. —

b Guess the meaning of the **highlighted** words. Check the meaning and pronunciation in your dictionary.



Modern myths

1 Elephants have brains that are bigger than any other land mammal. The expression "an elephant never forgets" suggests that the bigger an animal's brain is, the better that animal can remember things. Animal researchers discovered that this is actually true for elephants! These animals can remember details about areas of land as big as 1,200 square miles!

2 There are 12 countries in South America including Argentina and Brazil. It has an area of 6,888,062 square miles and its population is over 371,090,000. North America includes Canada and the US, but it also contains the countries of Central America. It covers an area of about 95,401,198 square miles, and its population is almost 529 million. This makes it bigger than South America.

5 LISTENING

iChecker Listen to a conversation between a couple talking about two cities with the same name. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 More people live in Birmingham, UK than Birmingham, US. T
- 2 Birmingham, US is bigger than Birmingham, UK. —
- 3 Birmingham, US is greener than Birmingham, UK. —
- 4 Birmingham, US is older than Birmingham, UK. —
- 5 Birmingham, US is wetter than Birmingham, UK. —
- 6 Birmingham, US is hotter than Birmingham, UK. —

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

contestants /kən'testənts/

population /pəp'yəl'eɪʃn/

prize /praɪz/

approximately /ə'prəksəmətlɪ/

win a competition /wɪn ə kəmpə'tɪʃn/

3 When the *American Medical Association* studied the number of people injured in traffic accidents in the US, they got a surprise. They discovered that there were more dangerous car accidents on **Tax Day**. Tax Day is every year around April 15. People in the US are busy around this time!

4 Experts have different opinions about margarine and butter, and there is a big argument about which one is better for you. The truth is that margarine today is better than it was in the past because producers use a different type of vegetable oil. Butter still contains a lot of animal fat. Margarine today contains less fat which makes it healthier than butter.