

## Vocabulary

**1 Listen and number.**  7-05



price



coupon



compare



high



low



quality



modern



retro

**2 Fill in the gaps with the best vocabulary words.**

- It might cost a little bit more than usual, but you're paying for better \_\_\_\_\_.
- This shirt is only two pounds? That price seems quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- This house was built last year, so its design is very \_\_\_\_\_.
- Thirty-five pounds for a pizza? Isn't that price a little \_\_\_\_\_?
- If you have a \_\_\_\_\_, you can get an additional £10 off!
- Can you tell me the \_\_\_\_\_ of this jumper?
- I will \_\_\_\_\_ the two computers and pick the one that fits my needs best.
- That shirt is so \_\_\_\_\_. It looks like something my dad wore when he was younger.

## Focus

**3 Talk with a partner.**

**NOTE**

Comparatives are used to explain how two things are different. We can also use comparatives with intensifiers such as *much*.

**Ex** France is a *bigger* country than England. The United States is a *much bigger* country than France.

This **dress** is of **higher quality** than that dress.  
This **jacket** is of **lower quality** than that jacket.

The price of **this jacket** is **lower** than **that jacket**.  
The price of **this jacket** is **much lower** than **that jacket**.

**NOTE**

Some words have irregular comparative forms.

**Ex** good → better  
bad → worse  
far → farther/further

**4 Listen and circle the best response.**  7-06

- The woman asks for:
  - a warm colour dress
  - a tighter-fitting dress



- What will lower the price?
  - buying low-quality materials
  - signing up for a membership



- What is wrong with the house?
  - It's too modern for the man.
  - It's too retro for the man.



# Grammar

## 5 Look at the table. Then listen and repeat. 7-07

Comparatives
Comparative adjectives are used to talk about the differences between two people, things, etc. Comparatives take the form: noun (subject) + verb + comparative adjective + <i>than</i> + noun (object). <b>Ex.</b> He is <i>bigger</i> than his brother. This car is <i>more expensive</i> than that car.
Intensifiers
Intensifiers can go with a comparative adjective to add detail about the size or degree of a difference. Common intensifiers include <i>much</i> , <i>far</i> , <i>a lot</i> , <i>a little</i> , <i>quite a lot</i> , etc. <b>Ex.</b> He is <i>much</i> bigger than his brother. This car is <i>a little</i> more expensive than that car.

## 6 Fill in the gaps using an intensifier and the comparative form of the given words.

- This sports car is \_\_\_\_\_ (fast) than that 4x4.
- This shop's prices are \_\_\_\_\_ (low) than the prices at the shop in the city centre.
- The quality of this suit is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) than the quality of my old one.
- This film is \_\_\_\_\_ (exciting) than the last one we saw.
- This bed is \_\_\_\_\_ (soft) than my old one.

## Speak Up

### 7 Talk with a partner. Look at the items. Choose one set and make comparative statements. Decide which of the two items you like most.

SET A		SET B	
<b>Sports Car</b> 	<b>Four Wheel Drive (4x4)</b> 	<b>Parka</b> 	<b>MA-1 Jacket</b> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost: £300,000</li> <li>• Features: 400 km/h</li> <li>• 2 seats</li> <li>• Comes in red, yellow, black, and two-tone colours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost: £100,000</li> <li>• Features: 230 km/h</li> <li>• 5 seats</li> <li>• Comes in silver, red, blue, black, yellow, and orange</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost: £400</li> <li>• Features: Good for extremely cold weather</li> <li>• 4 pockets</li> <li>• Comes in red, black, white, green, and blue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost: £250</li> <li>• Features: Good for slightly cold weather</li> <li>• 3 pockets</li> <li>• Comes in red, black, white, green, and blue</li> </ul>
SET C		SET D	
<b>Gaming Desktop</b> 	<b>Laptop</b> 	<b>Smartphone</b> 	<b>Tablet</b> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost: £1,000</li> <li>• Features: 1 TB SSD</li> <li>• 16 GB RAM</li> <li>• High quality graphics</li> <li>• Fast processing speed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost: £2,500</li> <li>• Features: 500 GB SSD</li> <li>• 4 GB RAM</li> <li>• Mobile graphics card</li> <li>• High quality display</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost: £1,000</li> <li>• Features: 250 GB</li> <li>• High quality display</li> <li>• Fast processing speed</li> <li>• 12 cm display</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost: £2,000</li> <li>• Features: 500 GB</li> <li>• High quality display</li> <li>• Fast processing speed</li> <li>• 32 cm display</li> </ul>