

## COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

### 1 VOCABULARY high numbers

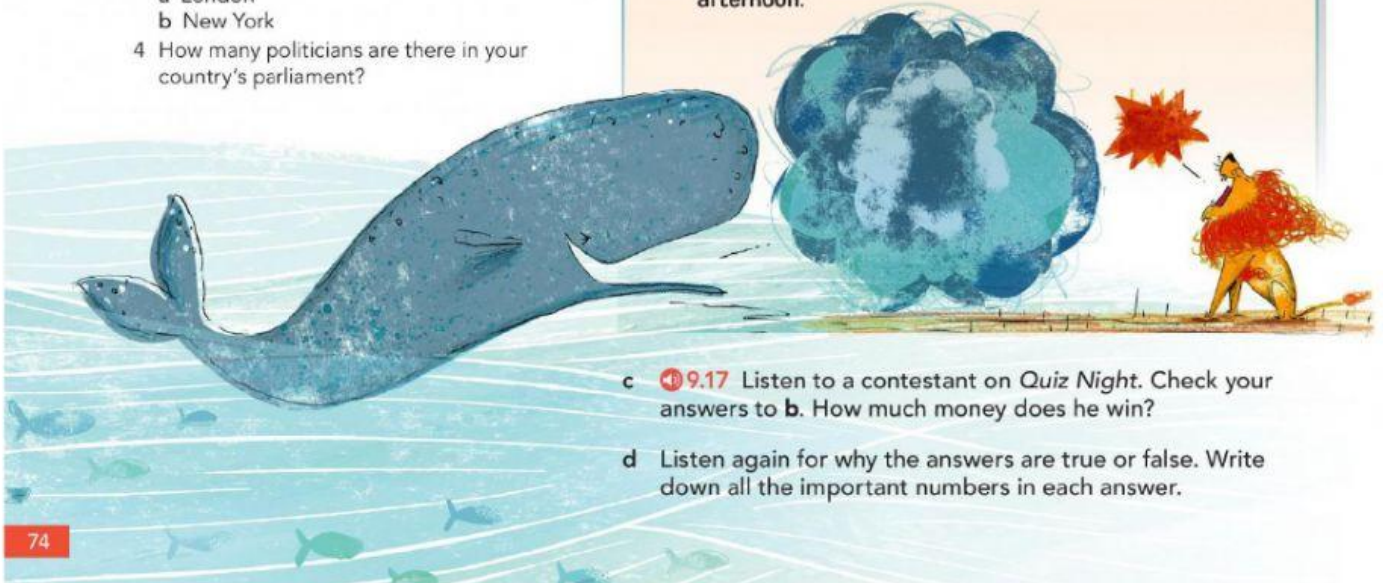
- a Read three questions from a radio quiz show. Choose a, b, or c.
- What is the population of the UK?
    - 47,000,000
    - 57,000,000
    - 67,000,000
  - How far is it from New York City in the east to Los Angeles in the west?
    - 2,500km
    - 4,000km
    - 5,000km
  - How many politicians are there in the British Parliament?
    - 450
    - 650
    - 750
- b 9.13 Listen and check. Were you right? How do you say the three answers?
- c p.148 **Vocabulary Bank Days and numbers** Do Part 4.
- d 9.15 Listen and write the ten numbers you hear.
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- e Answer the questions with a partner.
- What's the population of your town or city?
  - What's the population of your country?
  - How far is it from your town or city to...?
    - London
    - New York
  - How many politicians are there in your country's parliament?

### 2 LISTENING

- a 9.16 Listen to the introduction to a show called *Quiz Night*. Answer the questions.
- How long do the contestants have to say if the sentences are true or false?
  - How much do they win if they get...?
    - the first answer right
    - the second answer right
    - the third answer right
    - all eight answers right
  - If they get an answer wrong, how much do they lose?
  - What can a contestant do if they are not sure of the answer?
- b In pairs, look at sentences 1–8 from *Quiz Night*. Write T (true) or F (false).

## QUIZ NIGHT

- ☐ A **whale** can make a louder noise than a **lion**.
- ☐ The **First World War** was shorter than the **Second World War**.
- ☐ The **American** film industry is bigger than the **Indian** film industry.
- ☐ In July, **Edinburgh** is hotter than **Sydney**.
- ☐ **Silver** is heavier than **gold**.
- ☐ The mountain **K2** is more difficult to climb than **Mount Everest**.
- ☐ Driving in **Italy** is more dangerous than driving in **Belgium**.
- ☐ It's better to do exercise in the **morning** than in the **afternoon**.



- c 9.17 Listen to a contestant on *Quiz Night*. Check your answers to b. How much money does he win?
- d Listen again for why the answers are true or false. Write down all the important numbers in each answer.

### 3 GRAMMAR comparative adjectives

- a Look at the adjectives in the *Quiz Night* sentences. In pairs, answer the questions.

Using adjectives to compare two things:

- 1 What two letters do you put at the end of one-syllable adjectives, e.g. *loud*?
- 2 Why is *big* different?
- 3 What happens when an adjective ends in consonant + y, e.g. *heavy*?
- 4 What word do you put in front of long adjectives, e.g. *dangerous*?
- 5 What's the comparative form of *good*?
- 6 What's the missing word?  
China is bigger \_\_\_\_\_ Japan.

- b p.140 Grammar Bank 9C

### 4 PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING

/ə/, sentence stress

- a 9.19 Listen to the sentence. How is -er pronounced at the end of a comparative adjective? How is *than* pronounced?  
A whale can make a louder noise **than** a lion.
- b 9.20 Listen and write six comparative sentences.
- c Listen again and copy the rhythm. Are the sentences true or false?
- d *Communication Quiz Night A* p.107  
*B* p.112 Play *Quiz Night*.

### 5 READING

- a Read the first part of the article about pub quizzes. Do you have something similar in your country?
- b Now read the **Tips for how to win** and complete them with A–G.
- A Choose your team carefully.  
B Don't be a bad loser.  
C Don't cheat!  
D Enjoy yourself!  
E Keep your eyes open.  
F Know about current affairs.  
G Learn the big names.
- c Look at these words from the article to do with quizzes. What do they mean? How do you pronounce them?

a team a quizmaster an expert to cheat  
to memorize to be a bad loser to win

- d Answer the questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you play any games or do quizzes with general knowledge questions, e.g. *Trivial Pursuit*?
- 2 Are you a good or bad loser? Do you ever cheat?
- 3 What TV quiz shows are popular in your country? Do you watch any of them? Why (not)?
- 4 Do you know anyone who loves a particular quiz show? Which one? Why?
- 5 Would you like to be a contestant on a quiz show? Which one?



## Pub Quizzes

A pub quiz is a general knowledge quiz held in a pub or bar. They started in the UK in the 1970s, and there are now more than 22,000 weekly quizzes in pubs all over the country. Friends form teams, usually of about five or six people, and they decide on a name for their team. The person who asks the questions is called the 'quizmaster', and the teams write their answers on a piece of paper. You can't use your phone to look for the answers! In some pubs, teams pay to be in the quiz – from about 50p to £5 per person – and the winning team gets the money. But a lot of pub quizzes are free because pubs want people to come on nights which aren't usually busy, like Mondays and Tuesdays.

### Tips for how to win

- 1 D That's really what it's all about. And don't take it too seriously.
- 2 B Make sure you have friends who are experts at different subjects.
- 3 G Mobile phones, reference books, newspapers, etc. are not permitted.
- 4 F Find out about events in the news, especially politics.
- 5 E Memorize the winners of recent and past sporting events, Oscars, Grammys, reality TV shows, political elections, etc., as well as the latest singles and album charts.
- 6 A Always look out for new facts, wherever you are.
- 7 C If you don't win the quiz, remember, there is always next time.

### THE RED LION QUIZ

#### Round 1 (Culture)

1	Madonna	✓
2	?	✗
3	Nessun Dorma	✗
4	Daniel Craig	✓
5	Almodovar ??	✓
6	Prince	✓
7	??	✗
8	Martin Freeman	✓

#### Round 2 (Sport)

1	George Best	✓
2	Laura Trott	✗
3	?	✗
4	Alastair Brownlee	✓
5	The Stanley Cup	✓
6	1993	✓
7	4 minutes	✓
8	??	✗

#### Round 3

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