

Time is the coin of your life. Only you can decide how to spend it. Don't let other people spend it for you.
Carl Sandburg, American poet

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1 VOCABULARY types of numbers

a Circle the correct way of saying the numbers.

- 1 Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of students in our class say they are impatient.
three-fourths / three-quarters
- 2 Research shows 47% of web users wait for two seconds or less for a page to load.
forty-seven per cent / forty-seven per cents
- 3 More than 5,000 homes in our town now have super-fast broadband.
five thousands / five thousand
- 4 A BMW M3 can go from 0–60 in 4.3 seconds.
four point three / four dot three
- 5 There are over 1,850 trees in the park.
eighteen fifty / one thousand eight hundred and fifty
- 6 The population of our city is 210,000.
two hundred ten thousand / two hundred and ten thousand

b Complete the sentences in two ways: in a with a number and in b with the exact words you would use.

- 1 New Year's Day is on January
 - 1st.
 - the first.
- 2 Half of 56 is
 - _____.
 - _____.
- 3 Is 0.75 the same as $\frac{1}{2}$?
 - No, it's the same as _____.
 - No, it's the same as _____.
- 4 Half of 3,500 is
 - _____.
 - _____.
- 5 As a percentage, $\frac{1}{2}$ is
 - _____.
 - _____.

2 GRAMMAR comparative adjectives and adverbs, as...as

a Circle the correct words.

- 1 I only have 20 minutes for lunch, so I always eat quick / quickly.
- 2 I lived in Dubai for ten years, so I speak Arabic fluent / fluently.
- 3 The meal was very good / well, but it was very expensive.
- 4 When you've finished writing your article, go back and check it careful / carefully.
- 5 It's easy / easily to lose weight if you do lots of exercise.
- 6 It was a great holiday, but we had really bad / badly weather.
- 7 I've met Matt a few times, but I don't know him good / well.
- 8 I really like our new teacher because she explains everything very clear / clearly.

b Complete the sentences with a correct comparative adjective or adverb.

- 1 My new boss is more patient than my old one. (patient)
- 2 We aren't in a hurry. You can drive a bit _____. (slow)
- 3 The summers here are _____ than they were in the past. (hot)
- 4 I failed the exam. I'll work _____ next time. (hard)
- 5 It's _____ to my parents' house than it is to my boyfriend's. (far)
- 6 My husband is a _____ cook than me. (good)
- 7 A motorbike is _____ than a car. (dangerous)
- 8 You type _____ than me. (quick)

c Rewrite the sentences with as...as.

- 1 My new car goes faster than my old one.
My old car doesn't go as fast as my new one.
- 2 Her shoes were more expensive than her handbag.
Her handbag wasn't as expensive as her shoes.
- 3 My sister's office is bigger than mine.
My office isn't as big as my sister's office.
- 4 Spain played better than Germany.
Germany didn't play as well as Spain.
- 5 You drive more carefully than me.
I don't drive as carefully as you.
- 6 Harry looks more relaxed than Sally.
Sally doesn't look as relaxed as Harry.

d Look at the chart comparing life today and five years ago. Complete the sentences.

Daily life in numbers		
	Five years ago	Today
1	£85 per week	£112 per week
2	876 per 1,000 people	1,045 per 1,000 people
3	£24,000	£15,000
4	10/year	8/year
5	68 minutes/day	74 minutes/day
6	39%	38%

- 1 **expensive** Food is more expensive than it was five years ago.
- 2 **popular** Phones are more popular than they were five years ago.
- 3 **expensive** Electric cars aren't as expensive as they were five years ago.
- 4 **small** Cinema audiences are smaller than.
- 5 **bad** The traffic isn't as bad as.
- 6 **happy** People aren't as happy as.



3 PRONUNCIATION /ə/

a **1** Circle the /ə/ sounds in these words and phrases.

- 1 busier
- 2 not as old as
- 3 better
- 4 as good as
- 5 more than
- 6 quicker

b **2** **5.1** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words and phrases.

c **3** Read the sentences and look at the **bold** letters. Circle the /ə/ sounds.

- 1 The 10.15 train's **much faster** than the 9.55.
- 2 His last book **wasn't as good as** his first one.
- 3 I'm **busier** than I was **last** year.
- 4 It's **cheaper** to buy that kind **of** thing **online**.
- 5 I don't spend **as** much time **working as** before.
- 6 This test isn't **as easy as** it looks.

d **5.2** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the sentences.