GRAMMAR

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

2 **Complete the conversation with the correct form of the adjectives in parentheses.**

A: I love my new digital camera. It was [1]_____ (expensive) my last one, but the pictures are much [2]_____ (good) quality, and it's [3]_____ (easy) to use.

B: But it's much [4]_____ (big). Isn't it [5]_____ (heavy) to carry around with you?

A: Actually, it was one of [6]_____ (light) models in the store. Although you can get [7]_____ (small) and [8]_____ (cheap) cameras, they're not as good as this one.

3 **Underline the correct alternatives.**

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE GADGET IN THE KITCHEN?

My favorite gadget in the kitchen is the dishwasher. It's [1]*much/a lot more* faster than I am at doing the dishes. The problem is that I'm getting [2]*a slightly/a little bit* lazier. **Yuri**

The toaster. Morning is [3]*by far/slightly* the best time of the day for me. I enjoy a relaxing breakfast. And toast is [4]*a lot/more* tastier than bread. I love it. **Katia**

I don't cook very much because I'm too busy. I have a microwave, which I find makes it [5]*more/a bit* easier. Now, I eat [6]*slightly/a little far* better than I did before. **Nguyen**

VOCABULARY

TECHNOLOGY

4 **A** **Underline the correct alternative.**

1. He's six months old. He's been to the doctor to get his *genetic engineering/vaccinations*.
2. We are running out of coal, so the government is looking at new ways of making *electricity/computer networks*.
3. The government is planning to build new *nuclear power/genetic engineering* stations, but many people are worried that they are too dangerous.
4. The company has just invested thousands of dollars in its new *computer network/antibiotics* to improve communication between employees.
5. It sounds like you have a chest infection. I think you need some *solar power/antibiotics*.
6. NASA has decided to restart its *communications satellites/space travel* program and try to send people to Mars.
7. They rode their *commercial airplanes/motorcycle* right up through to the United States and Canada. The trip took several weeks.

B **Match words in italics from Exercise 4A with definitions 1–8.**

1. The science of changing the genes of a living thing _____
2. The energy created when you split or join two atoms _____
3. Drugs used to kill bacteria and cure infections _____
4. Power carried by wires and used to make lights and machines work _____
5. Exploration of the area beyond Earth where the stars and planets are _____
6. Machines that are sent into space and travel around Earth, sending radio and television signals _____
7. Energy from the sun _____
8. An injection given to someone to protect them from a disease

VOCABULARY

INFORMATION

1 **Cross out the alternative that is not possible in each sentence.**

1. The class had a really good *debate/discussion/reply* about the environment.
2. He's sure he's right, so if you disagree with him, he will *argue/quarrel/inquire* about it.
3. You should try to *respond to/argue/reply to* emails as quickly as possible.
4. I *questioned/looked into/inquired about* renting a car, but it was too expensive.
5. My brother and I always *argued/quarreled/replied* about everything when we were young.
6. I've always *wondered about/questioned/quarreled* this man's motivation.
7. The *look into/research/investigation* was a waste of time; we found no solutions.
8. His newspaper column *debates/inquires/discusses* the issues of the day.

VOCABULARY *PLUS*

WORD BUILDING: ADJECTIVES

7 **Complete the text with the correct form of the words in parentheses.**

THE PNEUMATIC TIRE: HOW DID IT START?

John Dunlop, a Scottish vet, was [1]_____ (response) for one of the world's great inventions. Dunlop's young son kept falling off his tricycle because its tires were [2]_____ (use) on the bumpy streets. Dunlop thought of a [3]_____ (create) solution: filling the rubber tires with air. This, he realized, would be an [4]_____ (ease) way to make the tricycle more stable. He was right: it turned out to be a very [5]_____ (effect) solution. Lots of cyclists copied the idea, and the air tire became very [6]_____ (success). French car makers realized it was a [7]_____ (value) idea and produced air-filled car tires. The tires also became very [8]_____ (profit); Dunlop Tires is still a huge compan[illegible]

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