9C Facts and figures

G comparative adjectives | V high numbers | P /ə/, sentence stress

1 VOCABULARY high numbers

a Read three questions from a radio quiz show. Choose a, b, or c.

1 What is the population of the UK?
   a 47,000,000
   b 57,000,000
   c 67,000,000
2 How far is it from New York City in the east to Los Angeles in the west?
   a 2,500km
   b 4,000km
   c 5,000km
3 How many politicians are there in the British Parliament?
   a 450
   b 650
   c 750

b 9.13 Listen and check. Were you right? How do you say the three answers?

c V 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.

1 What's the population of your town or city?
2 What's the population of your country?
3 How far is it from your town or city to...?
   a London
   b New York
4 How many politicians are there in your country's parliament?

2 LISTENING

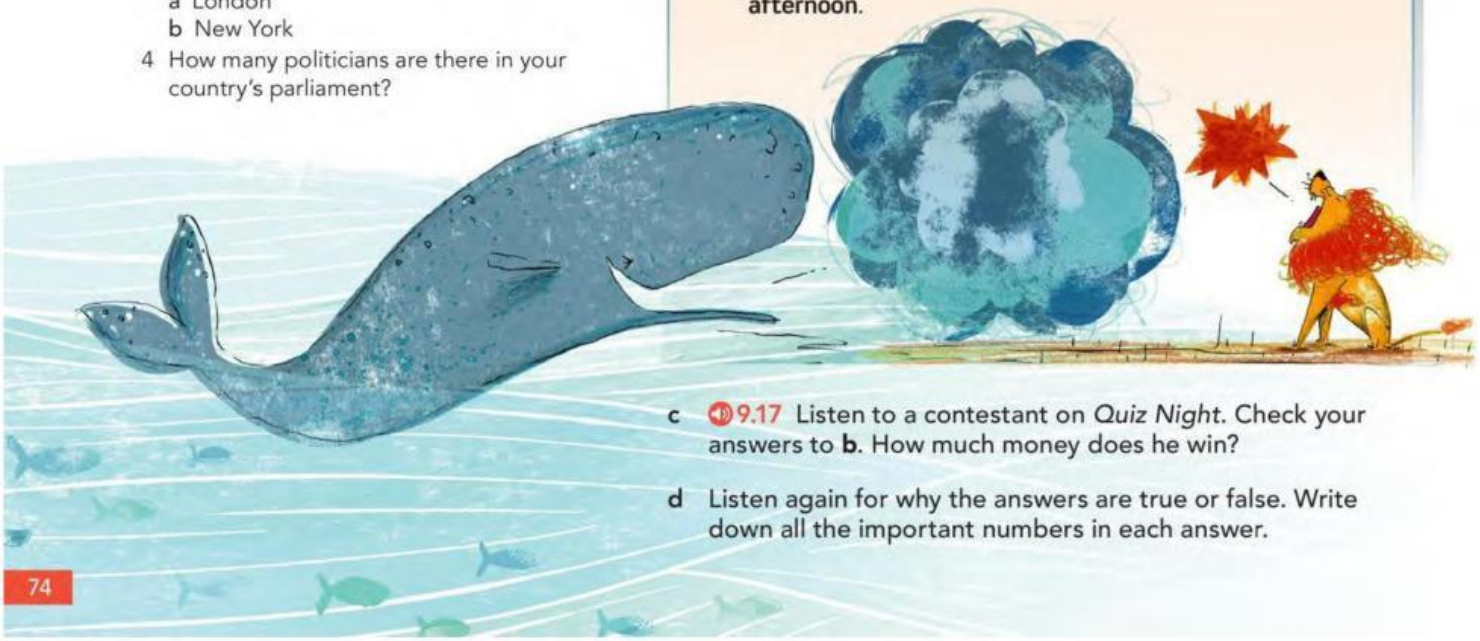
a 9.16 Listen to the introduction to a show called *Quiz Night*. Answer the questions.

1 How long do the contestants have to say if the sentences are true or false?
2 How much do they win if they get...?
   a the first answer right
   b the second answer right
   c the third answer right
   d all eight answers right
3 If they get an answer wrong, how much do they lose?
4 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

1 ☐ A **whale** can make a louder noise than a **lion**.
2 ☐ The **First World War** was shorter than the **Second World War**.
3 ☐ The **American** film industry is bigger than the **Indian** film industry.
4 ☐ In July, **Edinburgh** is hotter than **Sydney**.
5 ☐ **Silver** is heavier than **gold**.
6 ☐ The mountain **K2** is more difficult to climb than **Mount Everest**.
7 ☐ Driving in **Italy** is more dangerous than driving in **Belgium**.
8 ☐ 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.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

GRAMMAR

1 Write the comparative or superlative form.

Example: The people in Ireland are some of *the friendliest* (friendly) in the world.

1 The subway in Athens is _____ (modern) one I've ever been on.
2 What's _____ (quick) way to get around London?
3 Are trains here _____ (expensive) as in Britain?
4 I think my old car was _____ (economical) than my new one.
5 You look much _____ (good) with short hair!
6 Unfortunately my new office is just _____ (tiny) as my last one.
7 That was probably _____ (bad) coffee I've ever drunk!
8 Mary speaks _____ (slowly) than Anna, so she's easier to understand.

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2 Complete the email with *a*, *an*, *the*, or – (no article).

Dear Paula,

We're having a wonderful time here in Rome. We arrived yesterday afternoon so we had time to find [1] _____ nice little hotel and relax after [2] _____ journey. [3] _____ hotel is in [4] _____ city centre, but it's not too noisy.

We woke up early this morning because [5] _____ sun was shining in through the window. We had [6] _____ quick breakfast (great coffee!) and then went out to explore [7] _____ city.

Later, we're meeting Kathy's friend Pietro, who's [8] _____ economics student at university here. He's going to take us to [9] _____ best pizzeria in Rome (at least he says it is!). I think [10] _____ Italian cities are all wonderful, but I can't believe what [11] _____ fabulous city Rome is!

We'll be back home [12] _____ next Friday. See you soon!

Love,

Julie

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VOCABULARY

3 Complete the compound nouns in the sentences.

Example: Watch out for the speed *camera* when you drive out of town.

1 I never drive during the _____ hour because the traffic is so bad.
2 Can you believe that drivers didn't wear seat _____ in the past?
3 Excuse me, is there a petrol _____ near here?
4 I don't like riding my bike in towns with no cycle _____.
5 The _____ transport is excellent here. You don't need a car at all.
6 The queues at this taxi _____ are always long on Saturday nights.
7 It's annoying when cyclists go through a red traffic _____.
8 The speed _____ in many British towns is now as low as 20 mph.

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: Are you listening *to* me?

1 Is there anything that you're really afraid _____?
2 I'm fed up _____ my job. I need a change.
3 Try not to laugh _____ Bill when he speaks French – his accent is terrible!
4 It can take ages to get to the city centre – it depends _____ the traffic.
5 This restaurant reminds me _____ the one we went to in Paris.
6 He used to be married _____ my youngest sister.
7 Jenna is arriving _____ Cambridge on Saturday evening.

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