

Comparatives and superlatives

1. Complete each sentence with the correct comparative form of the adjective in parentheses.

- a) You did _____ (**well**) on the test this week. Good work.
- b) This map is _____ (**complicated**) than I thought.
- c) Jose needs a _____ (**good**) job.
- d) Do you think money is _____ (**important**) than good health?
- e) Many people think modern life is _____ (**good**) than life in the past.

2. Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

- a) _____ (**big**) piles of trash on Mount Everest are on the lower areas.
- b) Trash is one of _____ (**bad**) problems on Mount Everest now.
- c) She always calls me at _____ (**busy**) time of the day.
- d) This part is _____ (**deep**) in the ocean.
- e) Which climber is _____ (**far**) from the top?



3. Read the following text and answer the questions.

What is a consumer society?

A *consumer* is a person who buys things, and a *consumer society* is a society that encourages people to buy and use ¹goods. Some people think that a consumer society provides people with **better** lives. People in consumer societies tend to live **more comfortably**. They eat a **wider** variety of food. They go to restaurants **more often**. They also buy a lot of products, maybe more than they need.

Products such as TVs, cellphones, and computers used to be ²luxuries. Today people can buy these things **more easily than** ever before. The market for these goods is growing **faster** all the time. Consumer societies encourage people to buy **bigger** and **better** products. For example, "**smarter**" phones come out every year. In a consumer society, people are often buying **newer** and **more advanced** products. This creates a lot of waste. Nowadays, many people are thinking **more seriously** about the effects of consumer societies on the environment, and they are trying to become **more responsible** consumers.

¹**goods**: items that can be bought or sold

²**luxury**: something that is expensive but not necessary

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Everyone agrees that consumer products improve their lives | T | F |
| 2. These days, consumer goods are hard to find. | T | F |
| 3. Many people want luxury products these days. | T | F |
| 4. Consumer societies help the environment. | T | F |