

## 1 Getting started

**A**  4.01 Listen to the responses to the survey question. How do the people keep in touch?

Figure it out

**B** Can you complete the sentences? Circle the correct words. Use the survey to help you.

1. Mayumi says texting is **quicker** / quick than calling. It's more fun than / that calling, too.
2. Tim thinks real cards are more **personal** / nice than e-cards.
3. Kayla says that video conferencing is **less** / more expensive than a business trip.
4. Paco's parents think that video calling is **good** / better than phone calls.
5. Alma says nothing is **worse** / bad than spam in your inbox.

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Communication

UNIT 10

## 2 Grammar Comparative adjectives 4.02

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### Short adjectives

Adjective + -er

Texting is **quicker** and **easier** than calling.

It's **nicer** to get a real card than an e-card.

### Long adjectives

more + adjective

Real cards are **more personal** than e-cards.

less + adjective

Video conferences are **less expensive** than trips.

### Irregular adjectives

good ▶ better

Video calls are **better** than phone calls.

bad ▶ worse

Nothing is **worse** than spam in your inbox.

### Notice

slow ▶ **slower**

nice ▶ **nicer**

easy ▶ **easier**

big ▶ **bigger**

### But

fun ▶ **more fun**

### In conversation

The top adjectives after **more** are **expensive, convenient, important, interesting, and fun.**

**A** Complete the conversations with the comparative form of the adjectives and *than* if needed. Then practice with a partner.

1. A: Do you like e-cards? I think they're more interesting than (interesting) real cards.  
B: True. And they're \_\_\_\_\_ (easy) to send, too. Though they're a bit \_\_\_\_\_ (personal) real cards.
2. A: Do you ever use video calling? Our grandparents think it's \_\_\_\_\_ (nice) because they can see us. It's \_\_\_\_\_ (good) the phone.  
B: Yeah, and it's \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) international phone calls.
3. A: Do you prefer your tablet or your laptop?  
B: My laptop. It's \_\_\_\_\_ (big), but it's \_\_\_\_\_ (useful) a tablet. Tablets are \_\_\_\_\_ (difficult) to work on.  
A: Yeah? My sister prefers her tablet. She says it's \_\_\_\_\_ (light) her laptop, so it's \_\_\_\_\_ (convenient) to carry around.
4. A: Do you use email much these days? I don't. I just use my social network.  
B: Me too. It's \_\_\_\_\_ (efficient) email. And it's \_\_\_\_\_ (fast). It's \_\_\_\_\_ (good) texting, too. Texting's **LIVE** (adjective)

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### 3 More than you!

Grammar | Complete the sentences with *more*, *less*, or *fewer*.

1. Nancy Wow! Look at your inbox. It's full of junk mail. You get a lot more junk mail than I do.  
Bill I know. I guess I get a lot of emails, generally. Look – 50 today.  
Nancy Yeah. I get about three or four a day. You get a lot \_\_\_\_\_ emails than I do.
2. Julie My cell phone bill was really high this month. I really need to make \_\_\_\_\_ calls. Or talk \_\_\_\_\_ than I do now. Look – it was \$65.  
Paula Actually, that's not bad. Mine was \$95. My cell phone costs \_\_\_\_\_ than yours.
3. Dan You know, I only had four text messages last month. I'm getting \_\_\_\_\_ text messages than phone calls. I guess people prefer to call me these days.  
Eric Yeah? Actually, I like instant messaging \_\_\_\_\_ than talking.
4. Miki Are you still working? You spend \_\_\_\_\_ time online than anyone I know.  
Larry I know. I really should work \_\_\_\_\_ and spend \_\_\_\_\_ time with you and the kids.
5. Ben Oh, no! The Internet is down again! I need to change my Internet service provider to yours. You seem to have \_\_\_\_\_ problems with your provider than I do.  
Paul Maybe. I know my Internet connection goes down \_\_\_\_\_ than yours, but it costs a lot \_\_\_\_\_ than yours, too.

## 1 Phone situations

Vocabulary | A Choose the correct word to complete each phone expression.

1. call me <u>c</u>	a. number	b. off	c. back
2. have another <u>  </u>	a. call	b. number	c. mistake
3. leave a <u>  </u>	a. back	b. message	c. call
4. have the wrong <u>  </u>	a. number	b. mistake	c. another
5. hold <u>  </u>	a. on	b. in	c. call
6. get cut <u>  </u>	a. back	b. on	c. off
7. break <u>  </u>	a. back	b. up	c. on

 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

## 2 How do they respond?

Grammar  
and  
vocabulary

Circle the best response for each phone expression.

1. I can't hear you. You're breaking up.
  - a. I have another call.
  - b. Call me back later.
2. Please leave a message.
  - a. Hi, Frank. This is Manny. Call me at home.
  - b. Good-bye.
3. Can you hold on, please?
  - a. Sure, no problem.
  - b. I got cut off.
4. Oh, I'm sorry. I think I have the wrong number.
  - a. One moment, please.
  - b. No problem.
5. Good morning, Cambridge University Press.
  - a. Would you like to leave a message?
  - b. Could I speak to Sally Smith, please?
6. Did you get my message?
  - a. Yeah, I think I did.
  - b. No problem.



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**2** I just need to . . .Conversation  
strategiesAdd *just* to the sentences to make them softer.

1. I need to ask you a few questions.
2. Sure. Can you wait a minute?
3. I have to answer the door.
4. Could you hold on a second?
5. I need to turn off the faucet.
6. Sorry. I need to take another call.
7. I'm calling to find out about your test.
8. I have to tell you one thing.

*I just need to ask you a few questions.*

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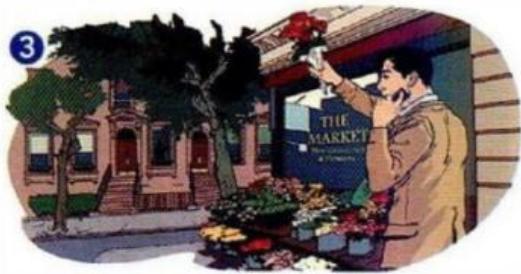
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## 3 Listening and strategies Sorry about that!

A  4.11 Listen to the conversations. Why is each person calling? Write the reasons under the pictures.



B  4.11 Listen again. Check (✓) the reasons for the two interruptions in each conversation.

1.  She got another call.  
 They lost the connection.  
 Her battery ran out.  
 She ordered a coffee.
2.  The TV wasn't working.  
 There was traffic noise.  
 She dropped her phone.  
 The pizza arrived.
3.  He had to find his wallet.  
 He met a friend.  
 He went the store.