Should I upgrade?

Lead-in

1 **Choose a product from the box and use the questions to make some notes. Tell your partner about it.**

a car	a phone	a television	a watch

What brand is it? Why do you like it? What is special about it?

Vocabulary

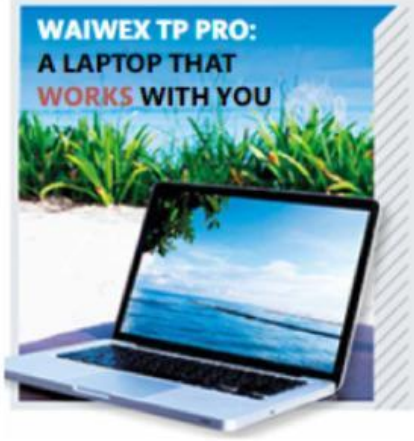
Product qualities

2 **Match the phrases in the box with their descriptions (a–h).**

design	product life
features	speed
unique selling point (USP)	
user experience	
value for money	weight

a how fast it is
b how heavy it is
c how long a product works
d how a product looks or works
e the useful things that the product has (e.g. camera) or the things it can do (e.g. talk)
f something that makes the product different to others
g what it feels like or how easy it is to use the product
h the price of the product vs. the product performance/features

3A **Read the advert about the Waiwex TP Pro. Which of the qualities in Exercise 2A does it mention?**



WORK ON THE GO

The TP Pro is **lighter than** other models so you can take it with you wherever you go.

It has a **longer** battery life **than** any other laptop so you can work without a power lead for up to twelve hours while you travel.

WORK BIGGER, WORK FASTER

The TP Pro has a **larger** memory **than** our older models and files and programs load three times faster.

WORK SAFER

Our security software partners PRO-TEC offer a discount on their software when you buy the new TP Pro. Their advanced security software features keep your files and data **more secure than** ever.

B **Read the advert again. Are the statements *true* (T) or *false* (F)?**

1 The new TP Pro is easy to carry.
2 The power lead is important when you travel for eight hours.
3 The TP Pro can hold three times more files than previous models.
4 It costs more money for the security software.

4 **Discuss the questions with a partner.**

1 What laptop do you use for work/study?
2 Do you like it? What are its strengths/weaknesses?

5A 7.01 **Listen to Misako and Karim talk about using the TP Pro laptop. Tick (✓) the things they talk about.**

battery life	camera	memory	how it looks	operating system	security software	speed

B **Listen again. Tick (✓) each speaker's opinions.**

	Karim thinks the TP Pro is		Misako thinks the TP Pro is	
	Good	Bad	Good	Bad
Speed				
Battery				
Size and weight				
Security				

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1 Choose the correct option.

1 The user *experience* / *value* on this training app is excellent. It's really easy to use.

2 I love how this screen looks. I really like its *speed* / *design*.

3 It's a good product, but the *weight* / *size* is a problem. I'd like a lighter model.

4 The product *life* / *speed* is short on this phone. The battery will stop working after two years.

5 The small size of the printer is its *user* / *unique* selling point.

6 I'm happy with the price I paid for my new phone. It's good *use* / *value* for money.

7 *Speed* / *Weight* is a really important quality for an internet provider. Slow internet is really annoying.

8 What *features* / *points* does the new car have? Does it have Wi-Fi?

2 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

design features life speed unique selling points (USPs) user experience value for money weight

1 This internet connection isn't great. The loading _____ is very slow.

2 We don't think this laptop is good _____. It's very expensive for what it is.

3 The product _____ of watches is short if you can't replace the battery.

4 _____ is very important when you choose a laptop for travel.

5 The _____ I'm looking for in a printer are high-quality colour printing and a wireless connection to my computer.

6 The large memory and advanced security are _____ for this computer.

7 My new car is great, but I don't like its _____. It's not a beautiful object.

8 The _____ for this website is very positive. It's fast and ordering is very easy.

adjective	comparative	spelling
old nice	older nicer	one-syllable adjectives: + *-er* (or *-r* if the adjective ends in *e*)
big hot	bigger hotter	adjectives ending one vowel + one consonant: double consonant + *-er*
dry healthy	drier healthier	one- or two-syllable adjectives ending consonant + *y*: ~~*y*~~ *-ier*
tired	more tired	one-syllable adjectives ending *-ed*: *more* + adjective
famous expensive	more famous more expensive	two- or more syllable adjectives: *more* + adjective
good bad far	better worse further	irregular

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- Rome is **old**, but Athens is **older**. (*not* more old)
- Is it **cheaper** to go by car or by train? (*not* more cheap)
- Helen wants a **bigger** car.
- This coat is OK, but I think the other one is **nicer**.
- Don't take the bus. It's **easier** to take a taxi. (*not* more easy)

far → further:

- A: How far is it to the station? A mile?
  B: No, it's **further**. About two miles.

- You must be **more careful**.
- I don't like my job. I want to do something **more interesting**.
- Is it **more expensive** to go by car or by train?

- The weather wasn't very **good** yesterday, but it's **better** today.
- 'Do you feel **better** today?' 'No, I feel **worse**.'
- Which is **worse** – a headache or a toothache?

87.2 Write the comparative.

1 old	older	6 good	
2 strong		7 large	
3 happy		8 serious	
4 modern		9 pretty	
5 important		10 crowded	

87.3 Write the opposite.

1 younger	older	4 better	
2 colder		5 nearer	
3 cheaper		6 easier	

87.1 Look at the pictures and write the comparative (**older** / **more interesting** etc.).



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87.4 Complete the sentences. Use a comparative.

1 Helen's car isn't very big. She wants a bigger one.
2 My job isn't very interesting. I want to do something more interesting.
3 You're not very tall. Your brother is .....
4 David doesn't work very hard. I work .....
5 My chair isn't very comfortable. Yours is .....
6 Your idea isn't very good. My idea is .....
7 These flowers aren't very nice. The blue ones are .....
8 My bag isn't very heavy. Your bag is .....
9 I'm not very interested in art. I'm ..... in history.
10 It isn't very warm today. It was ..... yesterday.
11 These tomatoes don't taste very good. The other ones tasted .....
12 Britain isn't very big. France is .....
13 London isn't very beautiful. Paris is .....
14 This knife isn't very sharp. Have you got a ..... one?
15 People today aren't very polite. In the past they were .....
16 The weather isn't too bad today. Often it is much .....

a Write the comparative form of the adjectives.

big bigger
1 high _____
2 dirty _____
3 important _____
4 late _____
5 low _____
6 bored _____
7 wet _____
8 modern _____
9 comfortable _____
10 happy _____

b Complete with a comparative adjective + *than*.

My sister is younger than me. She's only 18. (young)
1 The market is _____ the supermarket for vegetables. (cheap)
2 Italian is _____ for Spanish people _____ it is for English people. (easy)
3 I always feel _____ in the afternoon _____ in the morning. (tired)
4 This restaurant is _____ when it first opened. (busy)
5 Come in the summer. The weather is _____ in the spring. (good)
6 I love science. I find it _____ history. (interesting)
7 Milan is _____ from the sea _____ Rome. (far)
8 I'm _____ my brother. He's very tall. (short)
9 The economic situation is _____ it was last year. (bad)
10 Skiing is _____ I thought it was. (difficult)

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Write sentences for pictures 1–12. Use an adjective from the list.



small tall beautiful rich new
easy expensive OLD LONG
cheap FAST DANGEROUS

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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**.



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Use the information to make comparative sentences.

1

Length

the Akashi Kaiky Bridge (Japan): 1,991m

the Golden Gate Bridge (USA): 1,280m

short

1 *The Golden Gate Bridge is shorter than the Akashi Kaikyō Bridge.*

2 _____

_____

2

Inventions

Facebook: 2004

Skype: 2003

old

3

Price

a Cartier watch: £4,500

a Swatch watch: £38

expensive

3 _____

_____

4 _____

_____

4

Average summer temperature

London: 24°C

New York: 28.5°C

hot

5

Vitamin C

an orange: approx. 70mg per orange

an apple: approx. 9mg per apple

healthy

5 _____

_____

6 _____

_____

6

Annual rainfall

Buenos Aires: 983mm

Rome: 584mm

dry

7

Speed

a man: 44.88kph

a horse: 76.44kph

slow

7 _____

_____

8 _____

_____

8

Size

Ukraine: 603,549 km^2

Canada: 9,984,670 km^2

big

9

People per km^2

Shanghai: 4,000

Istanbul: 2,500

crowded

9 _____

_____

10 _____

_____

10

Deaths per year worldwide

travelling by car: approx. 1,250,000

travelling by plane: approx. 600

dangerous

11

Height

the Burj Khalifa tower (Dubai): 828 m

the Empire State Building (New York): 381 m

tall

11 _____

_____

12 _____

_____

12

Weather

Paris (France) average hours sunlight per day: 4.9

Stockholm (Sweden) average hours sunlight per day: 5.4

sunny

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