

## 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

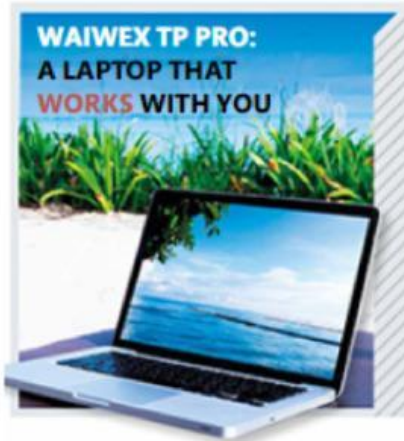
design product life  
features speed  
unique selling point (USP)  
user experience  
value for money weight

### Product qualities

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

- |   |                                                                                          |   |                                                               |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| a | how fast it is                                                                           | f | something that makes the product different to others          |
| b | how heavy it is                                                                          | g | what it feels like or how easy it is to use the product       |
| c | how long a product works                                                                 | h | the price of the product vs. the product performance/features |
| 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) |   |                                                               |

- 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.                             | 3 The TP Pro can hold three times more files than previous models. |
| 2 The power lead is important when you travel for eight hours. | 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				

## 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: + <i>-er</i> (or <i>-r</i> if the adjective ends in <i>e</i> )
big hot	bigger hotter	adjectives ending one vowel + one consonant: double consonant + <i>-er</i>
dry healthy	drier healthier	one- or two-syllable adjectives ending consonant + <i>y</i> : <del>y</del> <i>-ier</i>
tired	more tired	one-syllable adjectives ending <i>-ed</i> : <i>more</i> + adjective
famous expensive	more famous more expensive	two- or more syllable adjectives: <i>more</i> + adjective
good bad far	better worse further	irregular

- 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       | <u>older</u> | 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 | <u>older</u> | 4 better | ..... |
| 2 colder  | .....        | 5 nearer | ..... |
| 3 cheaper | .....        | 6 easier | ..... |

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

<p>1 heavy</p>  <p><u>heavier</u></p>	<p>2 big</p>  <p>.....</p>	<p>3 slow</p>  <p><u>tortoise</u></p> <p><u>snail</u></p>
<p>4 expensive</p>  <p>.....</p>	<p>5 high</p>  <p>.....</p>	<p>6 dangerous</p>  <p>.....</p>

**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 .....

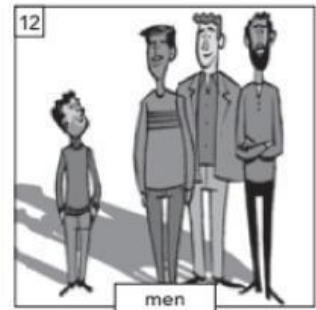
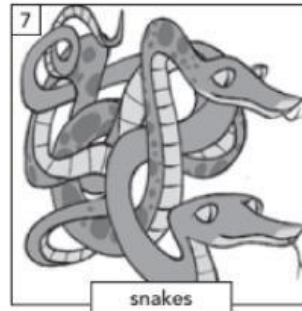
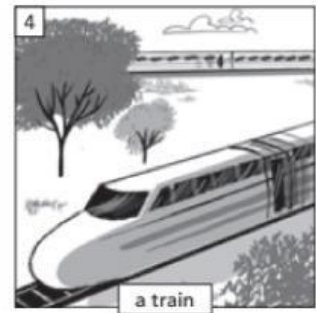
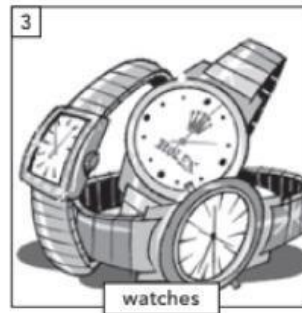
**a** Write the comparative form of the adjectives.

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| big           | <u>bigger</u> |
| 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)

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



small

tall

beautiful

rich

new

easy

expensive

OLD


LONG

cheap

*FAST*

*DANGEROUS*

## 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**.



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<sup>2</sup>  
Canada: 9,984,670 km<sup>2</sup>  
**big**

9 **People per km<sup>2</sup>**  
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**