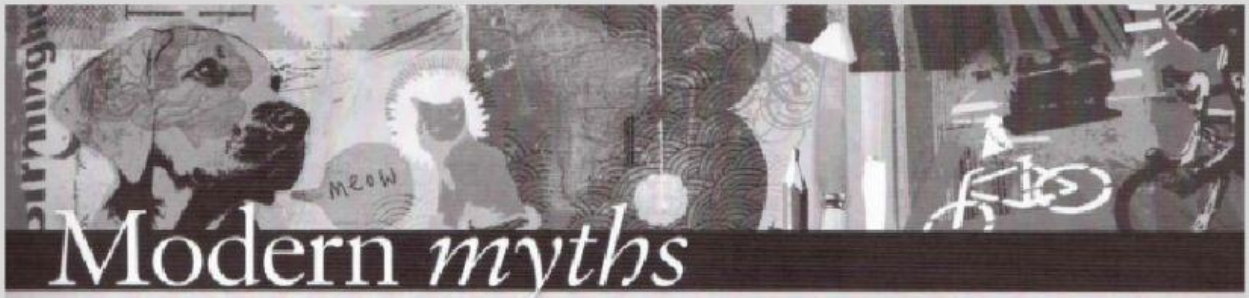
# MODERN MYTHS

Read the sentences. Do you think they are True or False? Then read the article and check.

1 Cycling is safer than driving. ___
2 Dogs are more intelligent than cats. ___
3 South America is bigger than North America. ___
4 Margarine is healthier than butter. ___




## Modern *myths*

**1** Scientists at Oxford University did some research into the brains of different groups of mammals. They looked at the changes in the size of the brains over the last 60 million years and they discovered that there were bigger changes in dogs' brains than there were in cats' brains. They think that dogs are cleverer than cats because they are more social.

**2** There are 12 countries in South America including Argentina and Brazil. It has an area of 17,840,000 square kilometres and its population is over 371,090,000. North America includes Canada and the USA but it also contains the countries of Central America. It covers an area of about 24,709,000 square kilometres and its population is nearly 529 million. This makes it bigger than South America.

**3** When the British Medical Journal studied the number of people injured in traffic accidents in the UK, they got a surprise. They discovered that for every 100 car passengers who went to hospital, there were 68 cyclists. However, a lot of people travel by car, and only a few go by bike, so the results show that cycling is actually more dangerous than driving.

**4** Experts have different opinions about margarine and butter, and there is a big argument about which one is better for you. The truth is that margarine today is better than it was in the past because producers use a different type of vegetable oil. Butter still contains a lot of animal fat. Margarine today contains less fat which makes it healthier than butter.

Guess the meaning of the highlighted words. check the meaning and pronunciation with the dictionary.

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