

1 VOCABULARY types of numbers

a Circle the correct way of saying the numbers.

- Nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ of students in our class say they are impatient.
three-fourths / three-quarters
- Research shows 47% of web users wait for two seconds or less for a page to load.
forty-seven per cent / forty-seven per cents
- More than 5,000 homes in our town now have super-fast broadband.
five thousands / five thousand
- A BMW M3 can go from 0–60 in 4.3 seconds.
four point three / four dot three
- There are over 1,850 trees in the park.
eighteen fifty / one thousand eight hundred and fifty
- The population of our city is 210,000.
two hundred ten thousand / two hundred and ten thousand

b Complete the sentences in two ways: in a with a number and in b with the exact words you would use.

- New Year's Day is on January
 - 1st.*
 - the first.*
- Half of 56 is
 - _____.*
 - _____.*
- Is 0.75 the same as $\frac{1}{2}$?
 - No, it's the same as _____.*
 - No, it's the same as _____.*
- Half of 3,500 is
 - _____.*
 - _____.*
- As a percentage, $\frac{1}{2}$ is
 - _____.*
 - _____.*

2 GRAMMAR comparative adjectives and adverbs, as...as

a Circle the correct words.

- I only have 20 minutes for lunch, so I always eat quick / quickly.
- I lived in Dubai for ten years, so I speak Arabic fluent / fluently.
- The meal was very good / well, but it was very expensive.
- When you've finished writing your article, go back and check it careful / carefully.
- It's easy / easily to lose weight if you do lots of exercise.
- It was a great holiday, but we had really bad / badly weather.
- I've met Matt a few times, but I don't know him good / well.
- I really like our new teacher because she explains everything very clear / clearly.

b Complete the sentences with a correct comparative adjective or adverb.

- My new boss is *more patient* than my old one.
(patient)
- We aren't in a hurry. You can drive a bit *_____*. (slow)
- The summers here are *_____* than they were in the past. (hot)
- I failed the exam. I'll work *_____* next time. (hard)
- It's *_____* to my parents' house than it is to my boyfriend's. (far)
- My husband is a *_____* cook than me.
(good)
- A motorbike is *_____* than a car. (dangerous)
- You type *_____* than me. (quick)

c Rewrite the sentences with as...as.

- 1 My new car goes faster than my old one.
My old car doesn't go as fast as my new one.
- 2 Her shoes were more expensive than her handbag.
Her handbag wasn't as expensive as her shoes.
- 3 My sister's office is bigger than mine.
My office isn't as big as my sister's office.
- 4 Spain played better than Germany.
Germany didn't play as well as Spain.
- 5 You drive more carefully than me.
I don't drive as carefully as you.
- 6 Harry looks more relaxed than Sally.
Sally doesn't look as relaxed as Harry.

d Look at the chart comparing life today and five years ago. Complete the sentences.



Daily life in numbers

	Five years ago	Today
1	£85 per week	£112 per week
2	876 per 1,000 people	1,045 per 1,000 people
3	£24,000	£15,000
4	10/year	8/year
5	68 minutes/day	74 minutes/day
6	39%	38%

- 1 **expensive** Food is more expensive than it was five years ago.
- 2 **popular** Phones are more popular than they were five years ago.
- 3 **expensive** Electric cars aren't as expensive as they were five years ago.
- 4 **small** Cinema audiences are smaller.
- 5 **bad** The traffic is worse.
- 6 **happy** People aren't as happy.