

## 1 VOCABULARY types of numbers

## a Circle the correct way of saying the numbers.

- Nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  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  
a 1st  
b the first
- Half of 56 is  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
b \_\_\_\_\_
- Is 0.75 the same as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?  
a No, it's the same as \_\_\_\_\_  
b No, it's the same as \_\_\_\_\_
- Half of 3,500 is  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
b \_\_\_\_\_
- As a percentage,  $\frac{1}{2}$  is  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
b \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 My sister's office is bigger than mine.  
My office isn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Spain played better than Germany.  
Germany didn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 You drive more carefully than me.  
I don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Harry looks more relaxed than Sally.  
Sally doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ they were five years ago.
- 3 **expensive** Electric cars aren't as \_\_\_\_\_ they were five years ago.
- 4 **small** Cinema audiences are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 **bad** The traffic \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 **happy** People \_\_\_\_\_.

