

Quiz night

1 GRAMMAR comparative adjectives

- a Write the comparative forms of these adjectives in the correct circle.

bad beautiful cheap dry sad difficult dirty
cold far wet high hungry comfortable thin good

1 one syllable = + -er _____ _____ _____	2 1 vowel + 1 consonant = double consonant + -er _____ _____ _____
3 1 or 2 syllables ending in y = + -ier _____ _____ _____	4 2 or more syllables = more + adjective _____ _____ _____
5 irregular worse _____ _____ _____	

- b Write sentences using the opposite adjective.

- A bike is slower than a car.
A car is faster than a bike.
- Lions are smaller than tigers.
Tigers are bigger than lions.
- Brazil is wetter than Argentina.
Argentina is drier than Brazil.
- January is longer than February.
February is shorter than January.
- A laptop is more expensive than an iPod.
An iPod is cheaper than a laptop.
- Fridays are better than Mondays.
Mondays are worse than Fridays.
- A stove is hotter than a refrigerator.
A refrigerator is colder than a stove.
- Spanish is easier than English.
English is harder than Spanish.

2 VOCABULARY high numbers

- a **iChecker** Listen and circle the correct numbers.

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| 1 104 | 304 |
| 2 586 | 596 |
| 3 2,670 | 2,660 |
| 4 8,905 | 9,905 |
| 5 11,750 | 12,750 |
| 6 543,830 | 553,830 |
| 7 1,315,000 | 1,350,000 |
| 8 25,460,000 | 35,460,000 |

- b **iChecker** Listen and write the numbers in words.

- 125 _____
- 895 _____
- 4,500 _____
- 12,470 _____
- 33,930 _____
- 575,600 _____
- 6,250,000 _____
- 34,800,265 _____

3 PRONUNCIATION /ər/, sentence stress

- a Write the words in the chart.

better bigger cheaper colder dirtier drier easier
healthier higher slower thinner worse

 tree	 fish	 bird	 egg	 phone	 bike
_____	_____	_____	better	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

- b **iChecker** Listen and repeat.

- c **iChecker** Listen and underline the stressed words.

- 1 A pencil is cheaper than a pen.
- 2 China is bigger than Japan.
- 3 The kitchen is dirtier than the living room.
- 4 An apple is healthier than a cookie.
- 5 Canada is colder than Mexico.
- 6 Everest is higher than Kilimanjaro.

- d **iChecker** Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

4 READING

- a Read the sentences. Do you think they are T (true) or F (false)? Then read the article and check.
- 1 There are fewer car accidents on Tax Day. —
 - 2 Elephants remember more than other animals. —
 - 3 South America is bigger than North America. —
 - 4 Margarine is healthier than butter. —
- b Guess the meaning of the **highlighted** words. Check the meaning and pronunciation in your dictionary.

5 LISTENING

iChecker Listen to a conversation between a couple talking about two cities with the same name. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 More people live in Birmingham, UK than Birmingham, US. T
- 2 Birmingham, US is bigger than Birmingham, UK. —
- 3 Birmingham, US is greener than Birmingham, UK. —
- 4 Birmingham, US is older than Birmingham, UK. —
- 5 Birmingham, US is wetter than Birmingham, UK. —
- 6 Birmingham, US is hotter than Birmingham, UK. —

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

contestants /kən'testənts/

population /pəpyə'leɪʃn/

prize /praɪz/

approximately /ə'prɒksəmətli/

win a competition /wɪn ə kəmpe'tɪʃn/



1 Elephants have brains that are bigger than any other land mammal. The expression "an elephant never forgets" suggests that the bigger an animal's brain is, the better that animal can remember things. Animal researchers discovered that this is actually true for elephants! These animals can remember details about areas of land as big as 1,200 square miles!

2 There are 12 countries in South America including Argentina and Brazil. It has an **area** of 6,888,062 square miles and its population is over 371,090,000. North America includes Canada and the US, but it also contains the countries of Central America. It covers an area of about 95,401,198 square miles, and its population is almost 529 million. This makes it bigger than South America.

3 When the **American Medical Association** studied the number of people **injured** in traffic accidents in the US, they got a surprise. They discovered that there were more dangerous car accidents on **Tax Day**. Tax Day is every year around April 15. People in the US are busy around this time!

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.