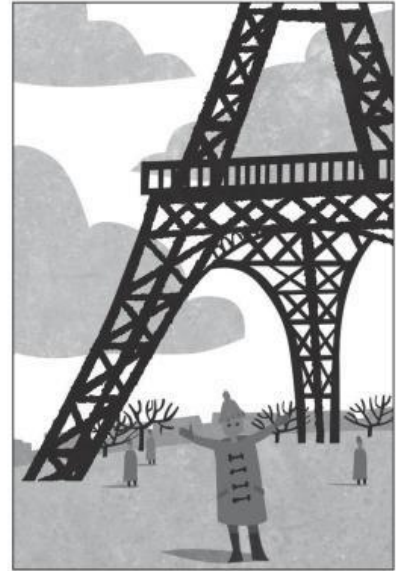
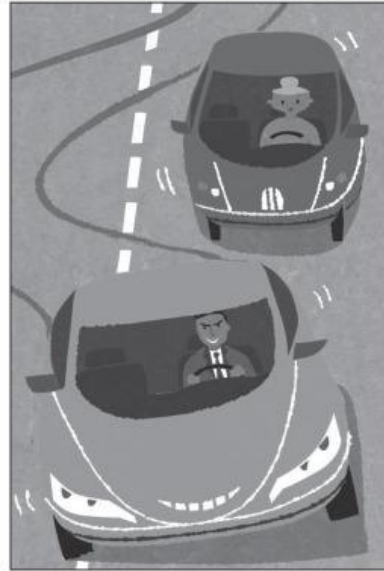


File Test 3

Listening and Speaking A

choosing between comparatives and superlatives

- Check (✓) the sentences where the **bold** phrases are right and correct the wrong ones. Write the answers in the column on the right.



- 1 I take the bus to work because it's **more quickly** than going by car.
- 2 Olga drives **more carefully** than Bill.
- 3 I prefer visiting Paris in winter. It's **less crowded** than in summer.
- 4 Now that I've tried them on, these shoes are **more comfortable** than I thought they were going to be.
- 5 In this photo, you look **more young** than your sister.
- 6 Restaurants in New York are **more expensive** than in my city.
- 7 Anne's **not as tall as** Susie, but she's thinner.
- 8 German trains are **moderner** than British ones.
- 9 I love riding my scooter, it's **more better** than driving a car.
- 10 Can you say that again **more slowly**, please? I didn't understand a word!
- 11 It's **the most beautiful** beach I've never been to. The ocean looks amazing.
- 12 Sean's **the worse** actor in the group, but he's the best singer.
- 13 What's **the nicest** thing anyone's ever said to you?
- 14 Personally, I think that Barcelona is **the best city** of the world.
- 15 Which sofa is **more cheaper**? The blue one or the red one?
- 16 I think we should take this case. It's **the biggest** one that we have.
- 17 It's usually **hoter** here in June than it is in May.
- 18 Did you go to **the same school** than your brother?
- 19 That restaurant over there is fantastic. It's cheap and you can eat **as much food** as you like.

quicker

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File Test 3

Listening and Speaking A

20 It took me a long time to walk there. It was **further** than I thought. _____

READING

1 Read the opinions about bike riding in cities and check (✓) A, B, or C.

Pieter – Utrecht, The Netherlands

I bike to work every day because it is faster than driving. By bike, I can be at work in 16 minutes. By car, I have to use a longer route that takes around 37 minutes. I know that bike culture in the Netherlands is very different from, say, the USA. Here, everyone learns to ride a bike at a very young age. There's an old Dutch expression: "You're not made of sugar." It means: "The rain won't hurt you, so go outside and continue doing things!" In Utrecht, we don't see bikes as fashion items or a way to save the planet—they're just a way to get from A to B. Most people don't wear helmets, and that's fine. Personally, though, I think things can still be improved. For example, the company where I work doesn't provide any bike parking with a roof, which can be annoying. And the parking lots downtown are too expensive.

Rosa – Madrid, Spain

Madrid is the worst city in Spain for bike riders. Part of the problem is the hills, but also there is no bike culture. There aren't many bike lanes and drivers aren't used to seeing bikes. It can be scary! Did you know it's only mandatory to wear a helmet in two countries in the whole world? Anyway, in the spring, I try to bike to work once or twice a week. But in the summer it is too hot, and I'm too worried about the traffic to bike in the winter when the evenings are darker. Most of the time, I drive to work. I tried the subway, but the tickets were expensive, and I have free parking at work, so I would like Madrid to be a better biking city. Perhaps we can close some roads during rush hour so that only bicyclists can use them.

Artem – Copenhagen, Denmark

I'm a city planner here in bike-friendly Copenhagen. Since 2016, more bikes have been entering the downtown area each day than cars. In my profession, we want to keep traffic moving. In the twentieth century, the focus was on cars: "How many cars can we get into the downtown area?" Now, we concentrate more on the number of people, which means we think more about bikes and public transportation. For example, in Copenhagen, 62% of people commute to work or school by bike and only 9% use a car. But even here, 54% of the physical space for transportation is given to the car. In my opinion, the "look" of cities in the future will be very different. For most people, how fast they can reach their destination is the most important thing. That's why it's a mistake to promote the "green" benefits of bicycling. But for town planners, the environment is very important.

Example: Pieter's commute to work takes _____ if he cycles.

A 37 minutes ☐ B less than half the time ☒ C half an hour ☐

1 Pieter says _____ have different ideas about bikes.

A older people ☐ B people in the USA ☐ C younger people ☐

2 Pieter uses a Dutch expression about _____.

A the weather ☐ B children ☐ C roads ☐

3 Pieter thinks some people see bikes as _____.

A dangerous ☐ B an accessory ☐ C for fit people only ☐

File Test 3

Listening and Speaking A

- 4 Pieter thinks the company where he works should have _____ for employees.
 A less car parking ☐ B free bikes ☐ C better bike parking ☐
- 5 For Rosa, driving is _____ than bike riding.
 A faster ☐ B more expensive ☐ C safer ☐

WRITING

A foreign exchange student is coming to stay. Write an email to welcome him / her and send some information about where you live. (140–180 words)

Begin the email with this introduction:

I'm really looking forward to seeing you. Let me tell you about my town.

- How big is it?
- What is interesting about it?
- What do you like best about it?
- What is the transportation system like?

LISTENING

1 Listen to an interview and complete the sentences. Write a number, one word, or two words only.

- 1 The Draw-A-Scientist Test is considered reliable by academic _____ around the world.
- 2 In the first study, less than _____ % of children drew a female scientist.
- 3 Teenagers' drawings show a _____ percentage of female scientists than younger children's drawings.
- 4 Compared with the earliest drawings, what the children draw today is very _____.
- 5 Georgia is certain that _____ influences the details of the stereotype.