

141) Fill in: *not as ... as, the more ... the more, would rather, prefer ... to, as ... as, the least ... of, whereas, such ... as, the same ... as, more ... than, the most ... of, faster and faster or twice as much ... as.*

Dear Customer,

I'd like to tell you about three different cars: the BMW (£20,000), the Volvo (£15,000) and the Mini (£11,000).

Cars today are getting (1) *faster and faster*, and the new BMW can reach speeds of up to 200 mph. The BMW is (2) _____ expensive _____ the three, but as you know, (3) _____ you pay, _____ you get. It comes with a fitted car stereo and air conditioning. Although using twice (4) _____ petrol _____ the Mini, it is (5) _____ economical _____ the three. The Mini offers value for money, (6) _____ the BMW offers speed and comfort. If you are looking for a small, economical car, the Mini is (7) _____ good a bargain _____ you will find anywhere. Because of its small size it is not (8) _____ a comfortable car _____ the BMW, but it is the best car available for those who (9) _____ simplicity _____ luxury. Finally, the Volvo is the best value for those who (10) _____ buy a family car. Seating up to six passengers comfortably, it is much (11) _____ spacious _____ the other two cars and it is (12) _____ expensive _____ the BMW. It is quite fast too, reaching speeds of up to 190 mph – nearly (13) _____ speed _____ the BMW!

Why don't you come down to the show room and have a look for yourself?

Yours faithfully,

John Scarles

31) **Adjectives/adverbs. Complete the conversation. Decide if you need ly with the words in brackets.**

A: How did you get on with Henry today?
B: Oh, we had a nice lunch and some (1) _____ (live) conversation. Henry was charming, as usual. He gave me a lift back to the office, but it was (2) _____ (hard) worth risking our lives to save a few minutes. He (3) _____ (near) killed us.
A: What do you mean?
B: Well, we'd sat a bit too (4) _____ (long) over our meal, and we were (5) _____ (late) getting back to work. Henry drove very (6) _____ (fast). I tried (7) _____ (hard) to keep calm, but I was quite scared. We went (8) _____ (wrong) and missed a left turn, and Henry got annoyed. Then a van came round the corner, and it was coming (9) _____ (straight) at us. I don't know how we missed it.
A: Well, I'm glad you did. And next time you'd better take a taxi.

50) **Match 1–14 with a–o to make compound adjectives.**

0 dark-	a) hand	dark-haired
1 absent-	b) legged	
2 easy-	c) selling	
3 second-	d) hearted	
4 newly-	e) haired	
5 well-	f) looking	
6 long-	g) dressed	
7 hard-	h) eyed	
8 best-	i) minded	
9 brand-	j) new	
10 kind-	k) married	
11 air-	l) confident	
12 good-	m) working	
13 self-	n) conditioned	
14 green-	o) going	



52) **Complete the sentences. Use compound adjectives from the table above.**

- 1 Her hair? I'm not sure — I think she was _____. No, wait — she was blonde.
- 2 Everyone congratulated the _____ couple.
- 3 She's always _____ and has a fine sense of style. She spends a lot of money on her clothes.
- 4 No, I don't think he's ugly! In fact, I find him quite _____.
- 5 I'll have to buy a _____ computer; I can't afford a new one.
- 6 *The Last Sign* is the latest science fiction novel by _____ author Trevor Woods.
- 7 He never remembers anything. He's very _____.
- 8 I wish I were as _____ as she is. I just wish I could believe in myself!
- 9 She was always very _____ at school, which is why she always got full marks in all the tests.
- 10 He's very _____: always relaxed and happy to accept things without getting upset or worried.
- 11 Our room was small and dark but at least it was _____.

140) **Double comparatives. Complete the sentences, using comparative expressions made from the words in brackets.**

- 1 _____ people have, _____ they often are. (money/satisfied)
- 2 _____ I get, _____ the years seem to pass by. (old/fast)
- 3 _____ you have to do something, _____ it takes you to do it. (time/long)
- 4 _____ you go to bed, _____ you will feel in the morning. (late/refreshed)
- 5 _____ he eats, _____ he will be. (fast food/healthy)
- 6 _____ you do before an exam, _____ the chance of passing it. (preparation/great)
- 7 _____ people do, _____ they tend to become. (travelling/open-minded)
- 8 Some people think that _____ children are when they start to learn a second language, _____ they will find it. (young/easy)
- 9 _____ you have to travel to work, _____ you should set off in the morning. (far/early)
- 10 _____ you eat now, _____ you'll be at dinner time. (biscuits/hungry)