

Should I upgrade?

Lead-in

- 1 Choose a product from the box and use the questions to make some notes. Tell your partner about it.

a car a phone a television a watch

What brand is it? Why do you like it? What is special about it?

Vocabulary

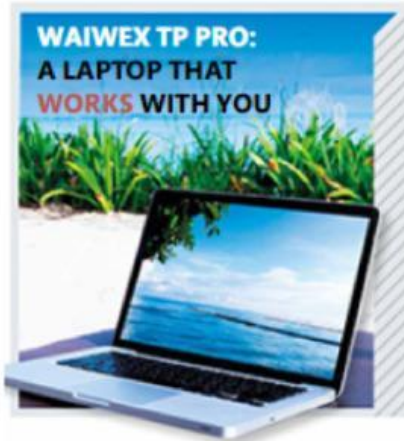
design product life
features speed
unique selling point (USP)
user experience
value for money weight

Product qualities

- 2 Match the phrases in the box with their descriptions (a-h).

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| a how fast it is | f something that makes the product different to others |
| b how heavy it is | g what it feels like or how easy it is to use the product |
| c how long a product works | h the price of the product vs. the product performance/features |
| d how a product looks or works | |
| e the useful things that the product has (e.g. camera) or the things it can do (e.g. talk) | |

- 3A Read the advert about the Waiwex TP Pro. Which of the qualities in Exercise 2A does it mention?



WORK ON THE GO

The TP Pro is **lighter than** other models so you can take it with you wherever you go. It has a **longer** battery life **than** any other laptop so you can work without a power lead for up to twelve hours while you travel.

WORK BIGGER, WORK FASTER

The TP Pro has a **larger** memory **than** our older models and files and programs load three times faster.

WORK SAFER

Our security software partners PRO-TEC offer a discount on their software when you buy the new TP Pro. Their advanced security software features keep your files and data **more secure than** ever.

- B Read the advert again. Are the statements *true* (T) or *false* (F)?

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| 1 The new TP Pro is easy to carry. | 3 The TP Pro can hold three times more files than previous models. |
| 2 The power lead is important when you travel for eight hours. | 4 It costs more money for the security software. |

- 4 Discuss the questions with a partner.

- What laptop do you use for work/study?
- Do you like it? What are its strengths/weaknesses?

- 5A 7.01 Listen to Misako and Karim talk about using the TP Pro laptop.

- ★ Tick (✓) the things they talk about.

battery life camera memory how it looks operating system security software speed

- B Listen again. Tick (✓) each speaker's opinions.

	Karim thinks the TP Pro is		Misako thinks the TP Pro is	
	Good	Bad	Good	Bad
Speed				
Battery				
Size and weight				
Security				

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 The user *experience* / *value* on this training app is excellent. It's really easy to use.
- 2 I love how this screen looks. I really like its *speed* / *design*.
- 3 It's a good product, but the *weight* / *size* is a problem. I'd like a lighter model.
- 4 The product *life* / *speed* is short on this phone. The battery will stop working after two years.
- 5 The small size of the printer is its *user* / *unique* selling point.
- 6 I'm happy with the price I paid for my new phone. It's good *use* / *value* for money.
- 7 *Speed* / *Weight* is a really important quality for an internet provider. Slow internet is really annoying.
- 8 What *features* / *points* does the new car have? Does it have Wi-Fi?

2 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

design features life speed unique selling points (USPs) user experience
value for money weight

- 1 This internet connection isn't great. The loading _____ is very slow.
- 2 We don't think this laptop is good _____. It's very expensive for what it is.
- 3 The product _____ of watches is short if you can't replace the battery.
- 4 _____ is very important when you choose a laptop for travel.
- 5 The _____ I'm looking for in a printer are high-quality colour printing and a wireless connection to my computer.
- 6 The large memory and advanced security are _____ for this computer.
- 7 My new car is great, but I don't like its _____. It's not a beautiful object.
- 8 The _____ for this website is very positive. It's fast and ordering is very easy.

adjective	comparative	spelling
old nice	older nicer	one-syllable adjectives: + -er (or -r if the adjective ends in e)
big hot	bigger hotter	adjectives ending one vowel + one consonant: double consonant + -er
dry healthy	drier healthier	one- or two-syllable adjectives ending consonant + y: y -ier
tired	more tired	one-syllable adjectives ending -ed: more + adjective
famous expensive	more famous more expensive	two- or more syllable adjectives: more + adjective
good bad far	better worse further	irregular

- ☐ Rome is **old**, but Athens is **older**. (*not more old*)
- ☐ Is it **cheaper** to go by car or by train? (*not more cheap*)
- ☐ Helen wants a **bigger** car.
- ☐ This coat is OK, but I think the other one is **nicer**.
- ☐ Don't take the bus. It's **easier** to take a taxi. (*not more easy*)

far → **further**.

- ☐ A: How far is it to the station? A mile?
- B: No, it's **further**. About two miles.

- ☐ You must be **more careful**.
- ☐ I don't like my job. I want to do something **more interesting**.
- ☐ Is it **more expensive** to go by car or by train?

- ☐ The weather wasn't very **good** yesterday, but it's **better** today.
- ☐ 'Do you feel **better** today?' 'No, I feel **worse**.'
- ☐ Which is **worse** – a headache or a toothache?

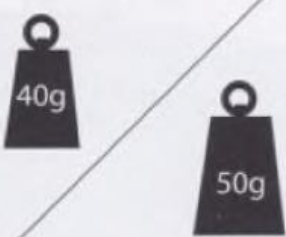
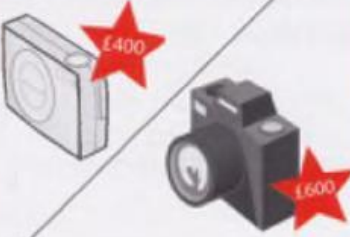
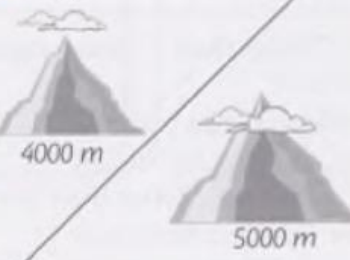
87.2 Write the comparative.

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|-------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 1 old | <u>older</u> | 6 good | |
| 2 strong | | 7 large | |
| 3 happy | | 8 serious | |
| 4 modern | | 9 pretty | |
| 5 important | | 10 crowded | |

87.3 Write the opposite.

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|-----------|--------------|----------|-------|
| 1 younger | <u>older</u> | 4 better | |
| 2 colder | | 5 nearer | |
| 3 cheaper | | 6 easier | |

87.1 Look at the pictures and write the comparative (**older** / **more interesting** etc.).

1 heavy  <u>heavier</u>	2 big  	3 slow  <u>tortoise</u> <u>snail</u>
4 expensive  	5 high  <u>4000 m</u> <u>5000 m</u>	6 dangerous  <u>SLOW</u> <u>!</u> <u>!</u>

87.4 Complete the sentences. Use a comparative.

- 1 Helen's car isn't very big. She wants a bigger one.
- 2 My job isn't very interesting. I want to do something more interesting.
- 3 You're not very tall. Your brother is
- 4 David doesn't work very hard. I work
- 5 My chair isn't very comfortable. Yours is
- 6 Your idea isn't very good. My idea is
- 7 These flowers aren't very nice. The blue ones are
- 8 My bag isn't very heavy. Your bag is
- 9 I'm not very interested in art. I'm in history.
- 10 It isn't very warm today. It was yesterday.
- 11 These tomatoes don't taste very good. The other ones tasted
- 12 Britain isn't very big. France is
- 13 London isn't very beautiful. Paris is
- 14 This knife isn't very sharp. Have you got a one?
- 15 People today aren't very polite. In the past they were
- 16 The weather isn't too bad today. Often it is much

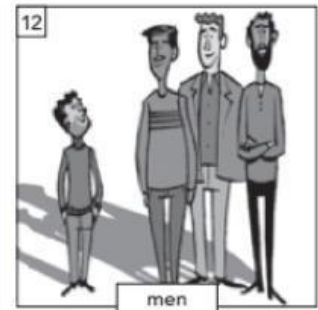
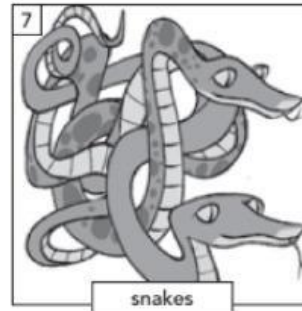
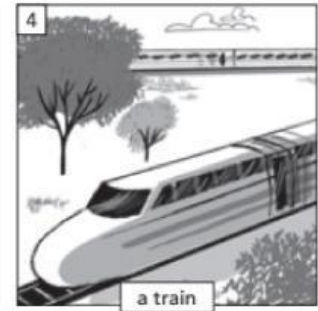
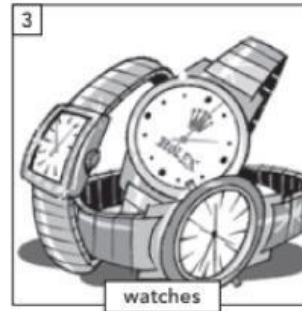
a Write the comparative form of the adjectives.

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|---------------|---------------|
| big | <u>bigger</u> |
| 1 high | _____ |
| 2 dirty | _____ |
| 3 important | _____ |
| 4 late | _____ |
| 5 low | _____ |
| 6 bored | _____ |
| 7 wet | _____ |
| 8 modern | _____ |
| 9 comfortable | _____ |
| 10 happy | _____ |

b Complete with a comparative adjective + *than*.

- My sister is younger than me. She's only 18. (young)
- 1 The market is _____ the supermarket for vegetables. (cheap)
 - 2 Italian is _____ for Spanish people _____ it is for English people. (easy)
 - 3 I always feel _____ in the afternoon _____ in the morning. (tired)
 - 4 This restaurant is _____ when it first opened. (busy)
 - 5 Come in the summer. The weather is _____ in the spring. (good)
 - 6 I love science. I find it _____ history. (interesting)
 - 7 Milan is _____ from the sea _____ Rome. (far)
 - 8 I'm _____ my brother. He's very tall. (short)
 - 9 The economic situation is _____ it was last year. (bad)
 - 10 Skiing is _____ I thought it was. (difficult)

Write sentences for pictures 1–12. Use an adjective from the list.



small

tall

beautiful

rich

new

easy

expensive

old

long

cheap

fast

dangerous

2 LISTENING

- a  **9.16** Listen to the introduction to a show called *Quiz Night*. Answer the questions.
- 1 How long do the contestants have to say if the sentences are true or false?
 - 2 How much do they win if they get...?
 - a the first answer right
 - b the second answer right
 - c the third answer right
 - d all eight answers right
 - 3 If they get an answer wrong, how much do they lose?
 - 4 What can a contestant do if they are not sure of the answer?
- b In pairs, look at sentences 1–8 from *Quiz Night*. Write **T** (true) or **F** (false).

QUIZ NIGHT

- 1 ☐ A **whale** can make a louder noise than a **lion**.
- 2 ☐ The **First World War** was shorter than the **Second World War**.
- 3 ☐ The **American** film industry is bigger than the **Indian** film industry.
- 4 ☐ In July, **Edinburgh** is hotter than **Sydney**.
- 5 ☐ **Silver** is heavier than **gold**.
- 6 ☐ The mountain **K2** is more difficult to climb than **Mount Everest**.
- 7 ☐ Driving in **Italy** is more dangerous than driving in **Belgium**.
- 8 ☐ It's better to do exercise in the **morning** than in the **afternoon**.



● Use the information to make comparative sentences.

1

Length

the Akashi Kaiky Bridge
(Japan): 1,991m
the Golden Gate Bridge
(USA): 1,280m

short

1 The Golden Gate Bridge is shorter
than the Akashi Kaikyō Bridge.

2 _____

2

Inventions

Facebook: 2004
Skype: 2003

old

3

Price

a Cartier watch: £4,500
a Swatch watch: £38

expensive

3 _____

4 _____

4

Average summer temperature

London: 24°C
New York: 28.5°C

hot

5

Vitamin C

an orange: approx. 70mg per orange
an apple: approx. 9mg per apple

healthy

5 _____

6 _____

6

Annual rainfall

Buenos Aires: 983mm
Rome: 584mm

dry

7

Speed

a man: 44.88kph
a horse: 76.44kph

slow

7 _____

8 _____

8

Size

Ukraine: 603,549 km²
Canada: 9,984,670 km²

big

9

People per km²

Shanghai: 4,000
Istanbul: 2,500

crowded

9 _____

10 _____

10

Deaths per year worldwide

travelling by car: approx. 1,250,000
travelling by plane: approx. 600

dangerous

11

Height

the Burj Khalifa tower
(Dubai): 828 m
the Empire State Building
(New York): 381 m

tall

11 _____

12 _____

12

Weather

Paris (France) average hours
sunlight per day: 4.9
Stockholm (Sweden) average hours
sunlight per day: 5.4

sunny