# 9C Facts and figures

Imagination is more important than knowledge.
*Albert Einstein, German scientist*

G comparative adjectives | V high numbers | P /ə/, sentence stress

## 1 VOCABULARY high numbers

a Write the numbers.

1 a hundred and fifty *150*
2 five hundred and twenty _____
3 one thousand eight hundred and thirty _____
4 two thousand eight hundred _____
5 thirty thousand six hundred and forty _____
6 four hundred and seventy-five thousand _____
7 one million seven hundred thousand _____
8 eight million two hundred and fifty thousand _____

b Complete the numbers in the chart.

| City | Population (numbers) | Population (words) |
|---|---|---|
| Tokyo, Japan | 37,833,000 | thirty-seven [1] *million* eight hundred and thirty-three thousand |
| Shanghai, China | 22,991,000 | [2] _____ million nine hundred _____ ninety-one thousand |
| Mexico City, Mexico | 20,843,000 | twenty million eight hundred and [3] _____ |
| São Paulo, Brazil | 20,831,000 | twenty million [4] _____ and thirty-one thousand |
| New York, USA | 18,591,000 | [5] _____ five hundred and _____ thousand |
| Cairo, Egypt | 18,419,000 | eighteen million [6] _____ |
| Buenos Aires, Argentina | 15,024,000 | fifteen million [7] _____ thousand |
| Istanbul, Turkey | 13,954,000 | [8] _____ million |

c Write the numbers in words.

1 125 *a hundred and twenty-five*
2 895 _____
3 4,500 _____
4 12,470 _____
5 33,930 _____
6 575,600 _____
7 6,250,000 _____
8 34,860,000 _____

## 2 GRAMMAR comparative adjectives

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

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

1 syllable = + *er*
*cheaper*

1 vowel + 1 consonant = double consonant + *er*

1 or 2 syllables ending in *y* = + *ier*

2 or more syllables = *more* + adjective

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**b** Rewrite the sentences using the opposite adjective.

1 A lion is slower than a cheetah.
A cheetah *is faster than a lion.*

2 China is smaller than Russia.
Russia _____.

3 Manchester is wetter than London.
London _____.

4 January is longer than February.
February _____.

5 Skiing is more dangerous than swimming.
Swimming is _____.

6 Fridays are better than Mondays.
Mondays _____.

7 Spain is hotter than the UK.
The UK _____.

8 Spanish is easier to learn than Japanese.
Japanese _____.

**c** Look at the pictures. Use the adjective to compare the two items.



flight London to Venice: 3 hours



train journey: 2 days

1 **short**
The flight from London to Venice is *shorter than the train journey.*



Istanbul: 805mm rain



Barcelona: 640mm rain

2 **dry**
Barcelona is _____.



men's watch: £35,750



women's watch: £28,700

3 **expensive**
The men's watch _____.



country house: 10 bedrooms



town house: 7 bedrooms

4 **big**
The country house _____.



Lamborghini Aventador: 350 km/h



Mercedes AMG S: 300 km/h

5 **fast**
The _____.

**d** Compare your country with Britain. Write three sentences about the food, the weather, and the people.

*The food in Spain is better than the food in Britain.*

## 3 PRONUNCIATION /ə/, sentence stress

**a** 9.5 Listen and complete the sentences.

1 A pencil *is cheaper than* a pen.
2 June _____ July.
3 The kitchen _____ the living room.
4 Apples _____ biscuits.
5 Switzerland _____ France.
6 Everest _____ Kilimanjaro.

**b** 9.5 Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.



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