Lesson 1

CHOOSE WHAT IS BETTER

A HOW DIFFICULT IS IT TO CHOOSE A PRESENT? ⏩

Tell the class the times during the week when you have to make a choice. Can you think of things that you have to choose between? E.g. What's best for my mid-morning snack at school? A banana is a lot healthier than a bar of chocolate, but I prefer chocolate!

B READING & WRITING

Look at the following pairs.

Modelling Shop



Radio-controlled model glider
Price: 50 €



Plastic model
Price: 18 €

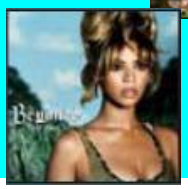


MUSIC STORE





The Beatles (1967)
Price: 15 €



Beyoncé (2006)
Price: 22 €

COMPUTER GAMES STORE



World Rally Computer Game
Price: 35 €



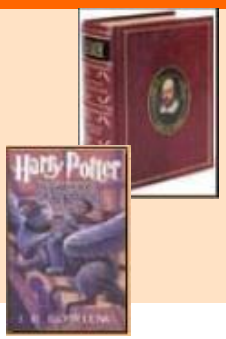
War Computer Game
Price: 33 €



BOOKSTORE



Shakespeare (1623)
Price: 45 € (hardback)



Harry Potter (2005)
Price: 30 € (hardback)

Mark and his friends are going to Jim's birthday party. Mark knows Jim is interested in many different things.... but he doesn't know exactly what to get him as a present. Mark thinks the best presents are the radio-controlled model glider and the World computer game. Do you agree with Mark? Write 2 sentences. Use some of these adjectives:

exciting, modern, old-fashioned, fun, fast, easy, difficult

Example: The World Rally computer game is more exciting than the war one.

a. .....
.....
b. .....
.....

C LISTENING & WRITING

Listen to Mark and Dave talking about holiday places. Mark usually goes on holiday to Blackpool in north-west England. Over the phone his friend Dave (from Brighton) is telling him to come on holiday to Brighton. Mark then needs to tell his parents about Brighton. Write in the spaces below why, according to Dave, Brighton is a much better holiday place than Blackpool.

1. .....
.....
2. .....
.....



Brighton pier

Study the following examples
to see how we can compare two people, things or places in English.

Books are cheap. Darts are cheaper than books. New York is a big city.

Los Angeles is bigger than New York.
It costs a lot of money to live in New York. It costs more money to live in Los Angeles.
Playing video games is interesting. Reading books is more interesting than playing video games.

D SPEAKING

Imagine you had been very lucky in a prize draw and you and your family had won a prize to go anywhere in Europe for one long weekend (3 days) with all expenses paid. For example, a weekend in Paris, incl. Eurodisney, or a weekend in Finland to see where Santa Claus lives or to a beautiful island in Greece. The prize cannot be exchanged and the holiday has to be taken. Where would you go and why?

1. Make a list where you categorize your 3 top destinations in order of preference. List them in the following chart.

2. Compare with your other classmates and see if others share with you the same destinations-share your thoughts about the places and compare and contrast.

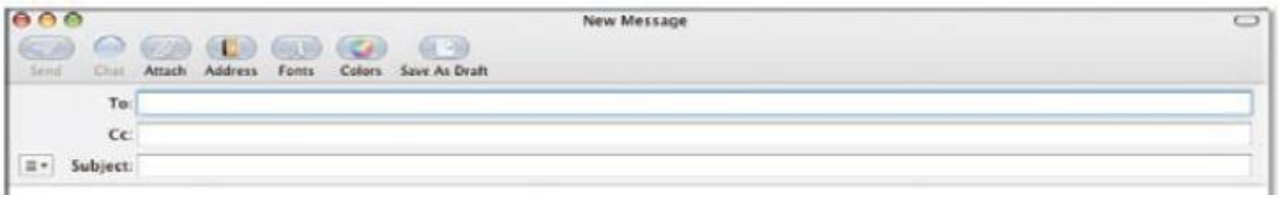
3. Which destination comes out on top?

Holiday Destinations
1.
2.
3.



E LIVING IN THE CITY OR IN THE COUNTRYSIDE?

Mark who lives in London is chatting on the Internet with his friend Steve, who lives on a farm about 50 miles from the city and with Kostas, who lives in Athens. Mark is worried about all the problems of living in a big city. Read the chat conversation.



Mark: Steve, do you enjoy living in the countryside?
Steve: Not so much. I don't go out much because my dad is always busy with the farm. I don't go out with friends, I never go to the cinema. All I do is spend time watching TV.
Mark: Maybe you are better off. It is not always safe to go out in London. It's a lot safer where you live.
Steve: Yes, but life is more boring here.
Mark: You breathe fresh air all the time. There is a lot of traffic where I live in London and so the air is more polluted. Also your schools have fewer problems than our schools. We have a lot of children who need to be helped by special teachers. Kostas, do you enjoy living in Athens?
Kostas: Yes, even if it is a big city, Athens is a safe city which has a lot to offer for children and teenagers. I think living in Athens is a lot better than living in the countryside. In the countryside you are cut off.

True or False. Circle the correct answer and discuss your answers with your partner. Do you agree with Mark?

Steve thinks living in the countryside is better than living in the city.		F
Steve sees his friends very often.		F
Mark thinks London is not very safe.	T	
Mark believes pollution is a problem in London.	T	
Kostas thinks living in Athens is better than living in the countryside.	T	

F SPEAKING: ROLE PLAY



Kostas and Mark are talking to each other and finding out more about each other's cities. Imagine you are Kostas and Mark is classmate of yours. Each of you say two things which compare each other's cities.

Ex. More people live in London than in Athens.

	Athens	London
Population (Greater Urban Area)	3.7 million	13 million
Highest Average Monthly Temperature	32 C	21 C
Years of recorded history	3.000	2.000
Football teams (1st division)	6	4
Metro/Tube lines	3	12
Daily occupancy of Metro/Tube	550.000	3.000.000
No. of Olympic Games held	2	3
No. of Airports	1	5

1. More people live in London than in Athens.	6. Athens has a higher average monthly temperature than London / It is hotter in Athens than in London.

2. London has more metro/tube lines than Athens. 3. More people use the metro daily in London than in Athens. 4. London has hosted more Olympic Games than Athens. 5. London has more airports than Athens.	7. Athens has more football teams in the first division than London. 8. Athens has more years of recorded history than London/ Athens is older than London.



Athens Metro Map



London Tube Map

G WRITING

Write a short report comparing two Greek cities or towns excluding Athens and Thessaloniki. Working in pairs, first find information about the two cities or towns and fill in the chart below. Then write a report on the two places.

	Town A: Vienna, Austria	Town B: Budapest, Hungary
Size	414.4 km^2	525.14 km^2
Population	1,908,951 m	1,752,267 m
River	Danube River	Danube River
Average Temperature	10°C	11°C
Mountains	Eastern Alps	Buda Hills

Vienna and Budapest are both capital cities in Europe! They share a big river called the Danube.
Vienna is smaller than Budapest. More people live in Vienna than in Budapest.
Vienna is colder than Budapest. Vienna has higher mountains than Budapest.

Lesson 2

World Records

A LEAD-IN ⏩

In pairs discuss and write down the answers to the following:
1. Who is the tallest pupil in your class?
2. Who's got the longest hair? Compare your answers with those of the pupil next to you.

B Reading

Read the following from the Guiness Book of Records website

1. The Tallest Woman in the World



Yao Defen is the tallest woman in the world. She is 2,36 metres tall and is 34 years old (in 2008). By the age of 11 she was already 1,85 m. tall. She

works as a performer in a circus, together with her father and brother.

2. Biggest aircraft pulled



David Huxley pulled a Boeing 747-400, weighing 187 tonnes (184 tons), a distance of 91 m (298.5 ft) in 1 minute and 27.7 seconds on October 15, 1997 at Sydney, Australia. David has now retired from the strongman circuit. He currently owns and runs an event management and public relations company called Tartan Warriors based in Sydney, Australia.

3. The Largest Palace in the World.



The Istana Nurul Iman is the largest residence in the world. It belongs to the Sultan of Brunei. It is 200.000m2 and it has 1788 rooms and 257 bathrooms.

4. Heaviest Car Balanced on the Head



England's John Evans balanced a 159.6 kg (352 lb) Mini on his head for 33 seconds at The London Studios, UK on May 24, 1999.
John's a gigantic guy. He's meters tall and weighs 155.7 kg (343 lb) and has a 60.9cm (24-inch) neck.

5. The Longest Venomous Snake in the World



The King Cobra is the longest and one of the most dangerous snakes in the world. It lives in Southeast Asia and it can reach a length of 5.70 cm. A very small amount of its poison can kill an elephant or twenty people. Like all snakes it swallows its preys whole.

(www.guinessworldrecords.com)
and fill in the correct answers in the quiz:

QUIZ

1. The tallest woman in the world lives in……

a. China **b. America** **c. Asia**

2. She is……cm tall.

a. 2.31 **b. 2.63** **c. 2.36**

3. David Huxley pulled the……plane in the world.

a. lightest **b. oldest** **c. heaviest**

4. The largest palace in the world has……rooms.

a. 1877 **b. 1788** **c. 1988**

5. John Evans balanced a……on his head.

a. motorbike **b. Mini** **c. bus**

6. The longest snake in the world lives in southeast ……

a. Africa **b. Australia** **c. Asia**

1a 2c 3c 4b 5b 6c



earning strategies

TO BE BETTER AT LISTENING

-- I try to get the general idea

- - I try not to understand every word

- - I learn by listening to my teacher

C SPEAKING



In pairs, ask and answer the following questions. Then make 2-3 questions of your own about world records and ask each other.

1. Who is the tallest woman in the world? ⚫ 2. Who can pull the heaviest plane in the world?

D INTERNET RESEARCH





Check the internet address "http:// www.guinessworldrecords.com"

and find the two most interesting records for you. Write them here and tell your partner why they are so interesting. Then discuss in small groups and see which is the most popular record.

	Record 1	Record 2
Person		
What he/ she did		
When		

E LISTENING



Mark is looking to buy a new laptop so he can work on the Internet more quickly. He's in a computer shop and the shop assistant is explaining the differences between the 3 models, the WP, the Contact and
the Sory. You are with Mark. Listen to the conversation and fill in as much as you can of the chart with
the information provided- use comparatives and superlatives. Which one would you buy for yourself and why?

LAPTOPS	WP	CONTACT	SORY
1. Cost			
2. Drive			
3. Weight			
4. Screen definition			
5. Extras			



Study the following examples
to see how we compare people, things or situations to the rest of the world.
The King cobra is one of the longest and one of the most dangerous snakes in the world.
Xi Shun is the tallest man in the world.
Do you know who the richest man in the world is?

Jim is a good pupil. Helen is a **better** pupil than Jim. Sophie is **the best** pupil in class.

This food tastes bad. This one tastes **worse than** the first one. This food here tastes **the worst** of all.

There are a lot of people in Africa. There are **more** people living in Asia than in Africa. China is **the most populated** country in the world.

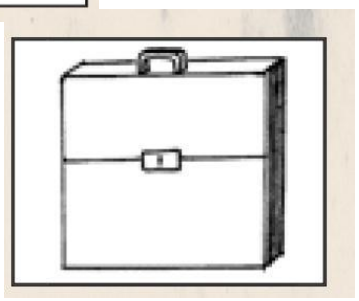
The red bag is the smallest of all



The blue bag is bigger than the red one and smaller than the white one



The white bag is the biggest of all



F SPEAKING



Look at the example and tell your class about the following rivers and mountains. Use the adjectives long-short, high-low:

Eg. The River Thames is shorter than the Amazon. The River Nile is the longest river in the world.

The Thames



(346 km)

The Amazon



(6.516 km)

Mt. Taygetos



(2407m)

Mt. Parnassos



(2457 m)

The Nile



(6.695 km)

Mt. Olympus

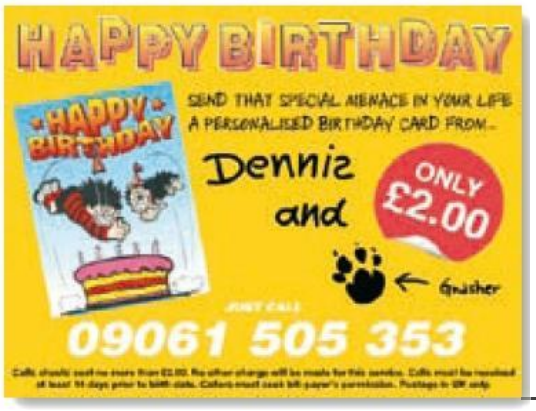


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G WRITING

Discuss this advertisement in class.
Now create your own advertisement for toys, books, etc. by using the following steps:
1. Choose a theme.
2. Collect information.
3. Find a photo.
4. Write a slogan and some key points, using the language you learned in this lesson. See the Appendix page 129-132 for notes on how to write a good advertisement.
5. Lay out all the above on a piece of cardboard in the following way

(but bigger) and stick up on the classroom wall.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEND THAT SPECIAL MENACE IN YOUR LIFE A PERSONALISED BIRTHDAY CARD FROM.....



Choco Zoom: The Chocolatiest Adventure for Your Taste Buds!

Take off on a delicious adventure with the **most** chocolatey treat in town: **Choco Zoom!**
This yummy bar is packed with the **richest and creamiest** milk chocolate. It's the **perfect** after-school snack or lunchbox surprise.
So grab a Choco Zoom now!

1……..
2……..
3…….4…….
5……..

If you find this task too difficult, go to Appendix, page 129-132, Activity A.

Lesson 3

A knowledge Quiz

A WRITING



How much do you know about the world? Complete this knowledge quiz and find out:

1. Which is the highest mountain in the world?
a. Mont Blanc - the Alps **b. Mt. Aconcagua - the Andes**
c. Mt. Everest in the Himalayas

2. Which of these is the smallest country in the world?
a. Andorra **b. The Vatican** **c. Malta**

3. Which of these planets is hotter?
a. Venus **b. Earth** **c. Mercury**

4. Of the three planets which is the biggest?
a. Uranus **b. Jupiter** **c. Pluto**

5. Which is the deepest ocean in the world?
a. The Pacific **b. The Atlantic** **c. The Indian**

6. Which is the fastest animal in the world?
a. The puma **b. The gazelle** **c. The cheetah**

7. Which of the following is the fastest?
a. Ferrari **b. Toyota** **c. Fiat**

8. Which of these three rivers is longer?
a. The Acheloos **b. The Pinios** **c. The Aliakmonas**

9. Which is the nearest planet to Earth?

a. Mars **b. Saturn** **c. Neptune**

10. Which is the longest lake in Greece?

a. Iliki **b. Prespa** **c. Trihonida**







Check your answers with your teacher and classmates or if in doubt look on the Internet.

CROSS CURRICULAR PROJECT

GAME: Make your own knowledge quiz and play the game in class.

1. Work in groups of 4 students and prepare questions for your fellow students.

2. Look in your school books, encyclopedias, and the internet and collect information for your knowledge quiz.
3. Prepare 3 questions in each of the following subject areas: People & Places, Science & Technology, Art & Culture, The Natural World, Sports. Use Comparatives and Superlatives, which you have learnt in this lesson. Ask your teacher to check your questions - to be fair, they must not be too difficult!
4. Discuss what the prize should be.
5. The group which answers the most questions correctly wins and they get the award of The Cleverest
Students in Class and the prize!

SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST

Name:.....



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...../ 100



A. Complete the dialogue.

Maria and Anastasia are two children. Maria is a very sweet girl, who is proud of everything she has and knows. Anastasia is a rich, difficult child who is very jealous of Maria and doesn't like Maria. Imagine a conversation between the two. Use comparatives and superlatives in every line Anastasia says:

Example:

Maria: The snack my mother gave me today is so good.....

Anastasia: **But my snack is better!**

Maria: I think my chair is comfortable!

1. Anastasia: **But my chair is more comfortable!**

Maria: I'm happy with the shoes my mum & dad bought me. They're fashionable.

2. Anastasia: **But my shoes are more fashionable!**

Maria: I' m happy with my drawing. It's colourful!

3. Anastasia: **But my drawing is more colourful!**

Maria: I think I did my homework well!

4. Anastasia: **But I did my homework better!**

Maria: this book is interesting!

5. Anastasia: **But my book is more interesting!**

Points: ...../ 30

B. Correct the sentences:



1. Lina is my ~~better~~ best friend.
2. Quebec is one of the oldest cities in Canada.
3. The ~~happier~~ happiest day of my life was when I came first in my class.
4. Her pronunciation is better ~~of~~ than mine.
5. I have ~~most~~ more friends than you.

Points: ...../ 15

C. Put the adjectives in the correct form (comparative, superlative):

1. Her dress is (pretty) prettier than mine.
2. Cheetahs are (fast) the fastest animals we can find.
3. Eating fruit and vegetables is (healthy) healthier than eating hot dogs.
4. I like milk (good) better than coffee.
5. China has (many) more people than any other country in the world.
6. The blue whale is (heavy) the heaviest animal in the world.
7. Which is (big) bigger, Portugal or Spain?
8. Travelling by plane is (comfortable) more comfortable than travelling by car.
9. He is (untidy) the most untidy person in class.
10 Buying things from plastic is (bad) worse than buying things from recycled paper.
11. The Nile is (long) the longest river in the world.
12. In Mark's opinion History is (difficult) more difficult than Geography. However, it is (interesting) more interesting.
13. Antarctica is one of (cold) the coldest places on Earth.
14. Greece is (hot) hotter than England.
15. Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's (pretty) the prettiest of them all?

16. Elvis Presley is one of (popular) the most popular rock singers ever.
17. Jenny is (tall) taller than Alice even though she is (young)younger.
18. Switzerland is one of (rich) the richest countries in the world.
19. People in Africa are the (poor) poorest in the world.
20. Alexander the Great was a (good) better leader than Xerxes.





Points: ...../ 40

D. Put in than, of, in:
1. Who's the tallest boy in class?
2. Her shoes are prettier than mine.
3. Parachuting is the most exciting sport of all.
4. Which is the hottest month of the year?
5. Mt Olympos is higher than Mt Parnassos.

Points: ...../ 15
Tick what's true for you:



Now I can:

compare between two things or people
compare between things/persons
make knowledge quizzes
answer or write a geography questionnaire
use the Internet to get information about things



Learning strategies in English

LISTENING...

I try to understand the general meaning
I try to understand every word
I daydream
I like it when my teacher speaks English

APPENDIX