

Lesson 2: Do you believe in ghosts?

1. Listening

A. Read the introduction below, look at the picture and answer these questions:

You are going to listen to a strange, old story about a couple from New York who are returning home from a trip to New England. They are travelling on a horse carriage, and are somewhere near Spieglestown when it starts getting dark and they have to seek shelter for the night.

A PLAY:
The fifty-cent piece



- a. Where is the story taking place?
- b. Is it a story of the present or the past?
- c. Who is it about?
- d. What are these people doing?



B. Now listen to the play and answer the questions below:

1. The night is _____ **a** _____ .
- a. extremely dark
 - b. very cold and silent

2. The old people's house is b .

- a. not as cosy as a hotel
- b. less luxurious than a hotel

3. The old lady offers the travellers b .

- a. a cup of hot coffee and biscuits
- b. the most delicious cakes they have ever had

4. Before they leave, the travellers leave a coin on the kitchen table b .

- a. the house was very comfortable
- b. the old couple were very helpful

5. When they drive back they realize a .

- a. the house is in ruins
- b. there is not a house there



∴ Why is the play called 'The fifty-cent piece'? What other suitable title do you think of?



D. READ, WRITE and LISTEN: What comes next? The following scenes come from 'The fifty-cent piece' play. One of the characters is saying something.



Work in pairs: discuss together what the other character's lines are and write them down.



George, I'm so tired, I can't stay up longer!



ay again and compare your answers with the actual
acters.

A folktale from New York, USA, found at www.americanfolklore.net and retold
in play form

E. JUST FOR FUN: Can you answer these questions?

The monster quiz!

What do monsters read everyday?

What do we call a friendly and handsome monster?

What do monsters eat for lunch?

What do we call a famous monster?

Turn to p.133 to check your answers to the Quiz.

3. Grammar

Look at the examples:



A. MORE COMPARISONS

1. The night

is

as

noun or pronoun	positive verb	as
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dark

as

hell

adjective	as	noun or pronoun
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2. Our house

is not

as/so

noun or pronoun	negative verb	as /so
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luxurious

as

a hotel.

adjective	as	noun or pronoun
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Use the structures in the examples above and complete these sentences:

- Puck is playful. Tinkerbell is playful, too.
Puck is as playful as Tinkerbell.
- Polyphemus is bigger than Shrek.
Shrek isn't as big as Polyphemus.
- Polyphemus is more horrible than Shrek.
Shrek isn't as/so horrible as Polyphemus.
- Shrek is ugly. Polyphemus is ugly, too.
Shrek is as ugly as Polyphemus.

Which of the above sentences say that two monsters are the same?

 a, d Which of the above sentences say that two monsters are different? b,c

B. FORMING ADVERBS

Study these examples



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ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
The children are quiet .	They are playing quietly .
That is a happy boy.	He is singing happily .
BUT (exceptions)	
That is a fast horse.	It runs fast .
This exercise is hard .	Tom is working hard on this exercise.
Jim is a good football player.	He plays football well .



Complete the rule:

Adverbs are words that answer the question HOW To form a regular adverb, we add **-ly** to an adjective.

C. COMPARISON OF ADVERBS

Study these examples



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The black horse runs more quickly than the white horse. It runs the most quickly of all.
BUT
Tom works harder than Mary. He works the hardest of all.
George plays football better than his brother. He plays the best of all.
The plane travels faster than the train. It travels the fastest of all.

3. Practice



A. PAIR-WORK: Cartoon heroes

Which famous cartoon hero does the following?

a. Runs in the desert the fastest.	Road runner
b. Fights for justice in Gotham City the hardest.	Batman
c. Flies in the air of Metropolis the highest.	Superman
d. Eats the most greedily.	Ovelix
e. Thinks the most cleverly.	Asterix
f. Keeps his money the most safely.	Scrooge
g. Draws his gun the most quickly.	Lucky Luke

Ask your teacher if you don't know the answer.
What special abilities or skills does each one have? Write about your favourite cartoon hero.



B. A GAME: Do it our way Read the instructions to play the game.

GROUP A

- Choose a player and tell him/her to mime an action, e.g. play football.
- The player goes to Group B and asks: "How do you want me to do things?"
- Now return to your group and do your mime the way Group B told you to.
- If your group guesses the adverb correctly you get a point.

GROUP B

- A player from Group A comes and asks you "How do you want me to do things?"
- Give him/her an adverb, e.g. "quickly".
- The other player goes to his/her group and tries to do the mime in the way you asked.

Play the game in turns.