

Grammar Starter unit ★★

Comparative and superlative adjectives

Present simple and present continuous

1 Put the verbs in brackets in the present simple or the present continuous.

I can't talk now. I'm doing (do) my homework.

- She _____ (practise) the guitar for at least twenty minutes every day.
- Dan _____ (have) a shower, I think. He'll be down in a minute.
- They _____ (come) to our house for New Year every year. It's a family tradition.
- We _____ (study) dinosaurs this week. It's really interesting.
- My friend Beth _____ (not eat) meat, so can we have fish for dinner for the sleepover?
- Why _____ (you / stand) on that chair? That isn't very safe!

Past simple

2 Complete the story with the correct past simple form of the verbs.

be decide go hear listen not hear notice
push run stay you / break

One night last month my parents were out with friends so I (1) _____ at home with my little brother. At about eleven o'clock, I (2) _____ a strange noise downstairs. I (3) _____ carefully, but I (4) _____ it again. I was still worried, so I (5) _____ to go and check that it wasn't an intruder. I (6) _____ downstairs very slowly. I (7) _____ that the kitchen door was open a little. I (8) _____ it open. Then our cat (9) _____ past me, through the milk on the kitchen floor. 'Oh Millie! It's you! (10) _____ that bottle of milk?' I asked.

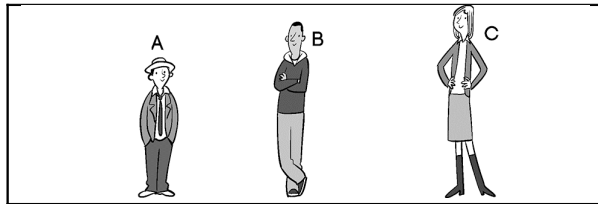
3 Put the words in the correct order to write questions.

have / he / when / accident / his / did?

When did he have his accident?

- a / parents / hire / did / car / your?
- go / where / on / did / they / holiday?
- time / land / the / plane / did / what?
- many / did / send / how / you / postcards?
- miss / did / your / why / you / flight?

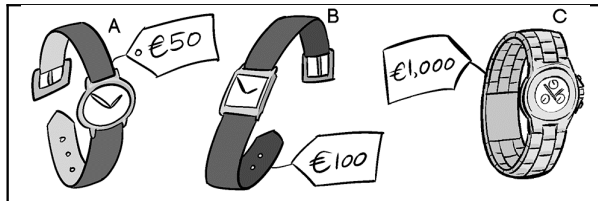
4 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences to compare A, B and C. Use comparative and superlative forms of the words.



short / tall

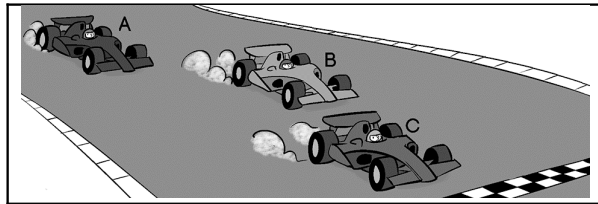
A is shorter than B.

C is the tallest.



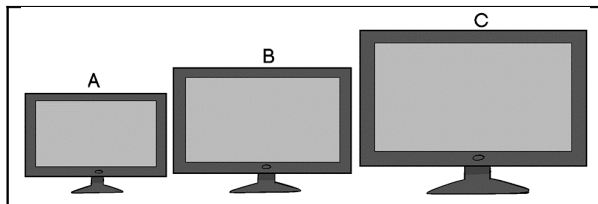
cheap / expensive

- A is the _____.
- B is not as _____ as C.



slow / fast

- C is the _____.
- B is _____ than A but _____ than C.



small / big

- B is _____ than C but _____ than A.
- A is the _____.