

## GOOD, BETTER, BEST!

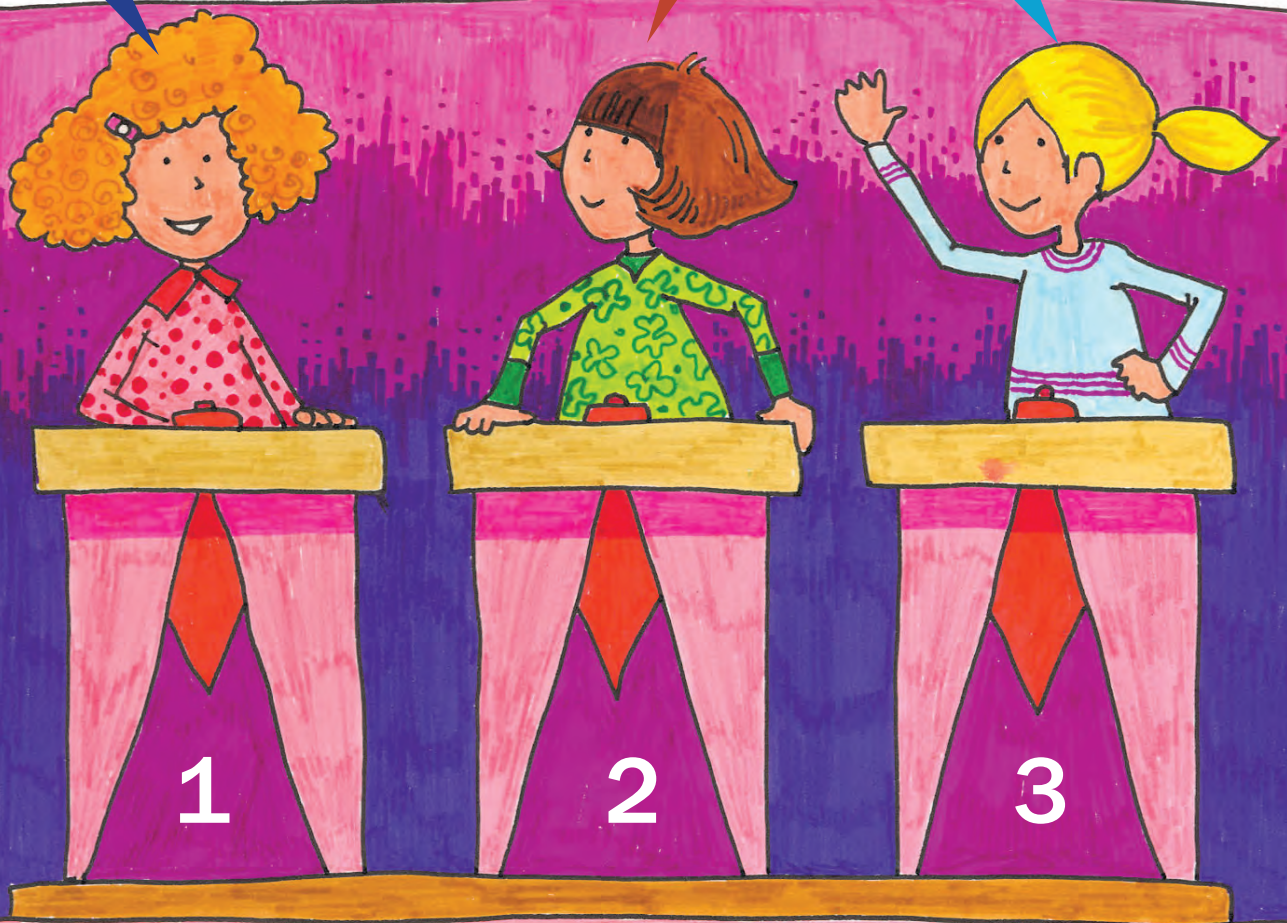
- In this unit:**
- ✓ We read about world records
  - ✓ We write up a knowledge quiz
  - ✓ We listen to two children discussing their favourite holiday places
  - ✓ We speak about the tallest mountains and longest rivers

*Time for a short quiz.*

The Nile.

Italy and Germany.

The Oxford English Dictionary.



# 6 Unit

## Lesson 1

# CHOOSING A PRESENT

### A LEAD IN ▶▶

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.

**Modeling 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 Rally computer game. Do you agree with Mark? Write 2 sentences. Use some of these adjectives:

**exciting, modern, old-fashioned, entertaining, 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. ....  
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2. ....  
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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.

NewYork is a **big** city. Los Angeles is **bigger** than NewYork.

It costs **a lot** of money to live in NewYork 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.	

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## 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.

New Message

Send   Chat   Attach   Address   Fonts   Colors   Save As Draft

To:

Cc:

Subject:

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

## 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 a 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



Athens Metro Map



London Tube Map

## 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 : .....	Town B : .....
Size		
Population		
River		
Average Temperature		
Mountains		

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