



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 4: RISING DOLLAR

Activity 1

Practise and consolidate your learning by completing our activities. In this one you need to decide whether the correct word is percent or percentage.

1. The **percent/percentage** of high school students that go to university is about twenty **percent/percentage**.
2. The bank has raised the interest rate by two **percent/percentage**.
3. The **percent/percentage** of married women in the workforce rose from fifty to sixty **percent/percentage**.
4. Only forty **percent/percentage** of the population voted in the election.
5. If his answers are all correct, he'll get one hundred **percent/ percentage** on the test.
6. Only a small **percent/percentage** of people were interested in the election.
7. The most popular leisure activity for the group is shopping, which has a ninety **percent/percentage** participation rate across the population.
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In the second activity you need to choose the appropriate comparative adjective to complete the sentences below.

Activity 2

1. The data shows that Mitchells is the third _____ company in Australia.
 - a. largest
 - b. better
 - c. busier
2. Researchers are claiming that pollution levels are _____ than in previous years.
 - a. lowest
 - b. less serious
 - c. largest
3. The streets in Sydney are _____ now than they were in 2003.
 - a. harder
 - b. highest
 - c. busier
4. Mexico has the _____ income per capita of the five cities compared in the graph.
 - a. lowest
 - b. better
 - c. most profitable
5. Though it is an inferior product, marketing research indicates that it is still _____ than the Smith brand.
 - a. lowest
 - b. better
 - c. largest
6. Studying for the maths exam was _____ than for any of the other subjects.
 - a. busier



- b. less serious
c. harder
7. The return on their investment was significant, and, in comparison to the other three firms, was the _____.
- a. most profitable
b. least experienced
c. highest
8. Surprisingly, it was the _____ athlete who completed the marathon first.
- a. largest
b. highest
c. least experienced
9. There are several models available on the market but the latest is designed for the _____ consumer because of its complexity.
- a. more serious
b. busier
c. better
10. Because the north experienced the _____ rainfall may explain the reason for the poor crops and high prices in that region.
- a. harder
b. more serious
c. highest

Activity 2: Answers

1. The data shows that Mitchells is the third **largest** company in Australia.
2. Researchers are claiming that pollution levels are **less serious** than in previous years.
3. The streets in Sydney are **busier** now than they were in 2003.
4. Mexico has the **lowest** income per capita of the five cities compared in the graph.
5. Though it is an inferior product, marketing research indicates that it is still **better** than the Smith brand.
6. Studying for the maths exam was **harder** than for any of the other subjects.
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9. There are several models available on the market but the latest is designed for the **more serious** consumer because of its complexity.

10. The fact that the north experienced the **highest** rainfall may explain the reason for the poor crops and high prices in that region.

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