



Reading and Writing Level 1



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Complete the sentences with the correct words from the word bank. You do not need to use all the words.

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Benny: Val, how are you doing?

Val: Not so well. Someone broke into our house!

Benny: That's terrible!

Val: Yes, they took some jewelry and about \$200 in cash.

Benny: Oh, no! But this neighborhood is so safe! There's very little crime around here.

Val: I know it's not common, but I guess it can happen anywhere. Our neighborhood is very nice, but now my opinion of it is more negative. I used to feel very positive about it.

Benny: I'm sorry to hear that.

Val: I don't want it to affect my health. I worry more now and I'm not sleeping well. It's scary for me

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Benny: I'm sorry to hear that.

Val: I don't want it to affect my health. I worry more now and I'm not sleeping well. It's scary for me to come home late at night. I'm often afraid.

Benny: Please be careful, but try not to worry so much. Crimes do happen sometimes, but our neighborhood is usually very safe. I saw a special report on TV. People are very worried here, but there isn't much crime.

Val: I know. But every day there are news stories about bad things in our city. The focus of too many programs is on crime.

Benny: Val, you have to stop watching so much TV!

Val: OK. Thanks for the advice.

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Letters to the Editor

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The June 27 article on crime here in Springdale was very interesting. I agree with the writer. There is a lot more crime here. There were 53 robberies in this city last year! When I was a child, I could go anywhere in the city. I was never afraid. There were never robberies or violent crimes. Now, I'm an elderly man and I'm always afraid of young robbers. They play their loud music and they wear strange clothes. Robberies are very common. My friends Abbie and Ken had a robbery at their house just last month. Some kids stole some flowers from their front yard. They just cut them off and took them. This city is a scary place now and I'm tired of it! The police have to do something quickly!

Dan Queeg, Springdale Heights

1. Both writers are responding to a newspaper article, "Crime in Our City." What did that article say about crime in Springdale?

- The article had no opinion about crime.
- It is decreasing.
- It is staying the same.

✓ It is increasing.

2. Who is the second writer?

✓ the chief of police of Springdale

- an employee in the city government
- the letter does not give that information
- a retired military man

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3. How many robberies were there in Springdale two years ago?

27

53

90

✓ 72

4. What happened at Ken and Abbie's house a month ago?

There was a violent crime.

Some kids played loud music.

There was a serious crime.

✓ Someone took some flowers.

5. What are the police doing differently now?

They are walking through

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5. What are the police doing differently now?

- They are walking through Springdale neighborhoods.
- They are cutting the number of police officers.
- They are sitting in their cars and looking for crimes.

✓ They are spending more time with Springdale's people.

6. Which of the following is an example of a fact?

The facts do not support anything the writer said.

✓ There were 53 robberies in this city last year!

This city is a scary place now and

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7. How many police officers are there in Springdale?

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72

8. Which writer uses more facts to support opinions?

They use about the same number of facts.

The writers don't use many facts.

✓ Mary Passero

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Are the statements below facts or opinions? Drag each sentence into the correct category. Click READ to see the letters again.

READ

Facts	Opinions
The city government did not cut the number of police officers.	There were never robberies or violent crimes.
There were 53 robberies in this city last year!	There are too many negative stories.
The year before that, there were 72 robberies!	There is a lot more crime here.
We are working in schools.	This city is a scary place now and I'm tired of it!
Some kids stole some flowers from their front yard.	Robberies are very common.

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Match each word with the correct definition. You do not need to use all the words.

1. to have something inside	contain
2. the end of a life	death
3. a sickness or illness	disease
4. one of several things that influence or change a situation or decision	factor
5. an oil from some foods, especially meat	fat
6. to make someone scared or afraid	frighten
7. to hurt or injure	harm
8. the feeling of happiness that comes from a positive experience	pleasure

contain

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Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. We bought an alarm system to our business.
2. It's strange, but this neighborhood feels very .
3. Thank you for inviting me tonight. It was a very evening.
4. We approached the dark old house .
5. I'm really tired of in movies.
6. I didn't like that movie. I didn't think that the story was .
7. She doesn't like the way I drive. She says that I put our lives in .
8. Criminals often innocent people.
9. This is a very dangerous neighborhood. I am very worried about .

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Match each sentence with the sentence that follows it.

1. My neighborhood has some beautiful buildings.	However, at night it can be scary if you are alone.
2. The news makes people think crime is increasing.	However, crime rates are actually decreasing.
3. Many people are afraid of violent crime.	However, heart disease causes more deaths.
4. Julia's friends invited her to the movie tonight.	However, she decided to stay home.
5. Some people are afraid of getting bird flu.	The common flu is more dangerous, however.
6. Yimou is really afraid of flying.	However, he still travels by airplane.
7. My daughter likes the rain.	She's afraid of thunder, however.
8. George grew up in a big city in Russia.	However, now he prefers the country.

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Reorder each set of words to make a sentence.

1. I am more afraid of motorcycles than cars .

2. Spiders are scarier than fish .

3. My neighborhood is safer than yours .

4. Airplanes are faster than bicycles .

5. My 2011 Volkswagon is newer than your 1995 Mercedes .

6. Cities are usually more dangerous than villages .

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How do you form the comparative with these adjectives? Drag each adjective into the correct category.

Adjective + -er or -r	More + adjective	Irregular comparative
smart	frightening	good
safe	reasonable	bad
large	fearful	
low	beautiful	
high	careful	
new	violent	

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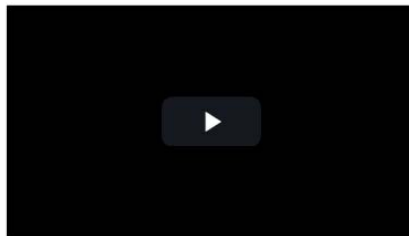


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Watch the video. Choose the best answer.



1. Where is the town?
 In Texas.
 In California.
2. How many people live there?
 2000
 1200
3. Which job takes Charles Berrin more time?
 Police chief.
 Rancher.
4. How many people are on the police force now?
 Zero.
 Fifteen.
5. What does Berrin do at the police station?
 He prevents crime.

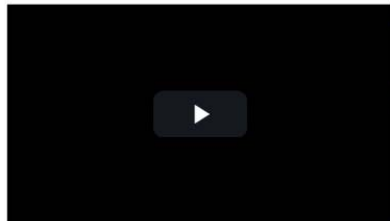
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4. How many people are on the police force now?
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 Fifteen.
5. What does Berrin do at the police station?
 He prevents crime.
 He answers mail.
6. How long does it take someone to answer a call for help now?
 Fifteen minutes.
 Three minutes.
7. Who answers the call for help?
 The police chief.
 The state police.

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