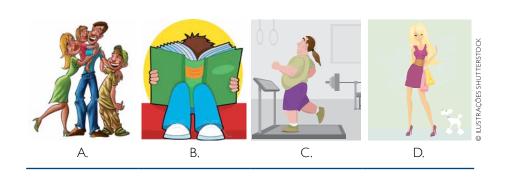
5. Look at the images and think of one or two adjectives for each of them.



Singing time!

Listen to the American folksong Oh Susannah (http://www.songsforteaching.com/folk/). Sing along!

I come from Alabama With a banjo on my knee I'm going to Louisiana, My true love for to see.

It rained all night the day I left The weather it was dry The sun so hot, I froze to death Susannah, don't you cry.

Oh, Susannah, Oh don't you cry for me For I come from Alabama With a banjo on my knee.

I had a dream the other night When everything was still I dreamed I saw Susannah dear A-coming down the hill.

The buckwheat cake was in her mouth The tear was in her eye Says I, "I'm coming from the south, Susannah, don't you cry."

Oh, Susannah, Oh don't you cry for me For I come from Alabama With a banjo on my knee.

I come from A-la-ba-ma With a ban-jo on my knee, I'm going to Lou-i-siana, My true love for to see.

Oh, Su-san-nah, oh, Don't you cry for me, For I come from A-la-ba-ma With a ban-jo on my knee.

Post-Listening Activity

Which future form is used in the song, going to or will? Why? Discuss your answer with a partner.



Why don't you upgrade it?

Unit 9

• Comparing things

Making suggestions

• Submitting an answer to a discussion forum

FIRST MOVE

Match the problems with their solutions.

- **1.** bad Internet **a.** buy a new one connection 2. old computer **3.** noisy neighbor 4. bad grade on test
 - **b.** talk to him / her **c.** relax more **d.** change the Internet service provider
- **5.** stressful life

e. study harder

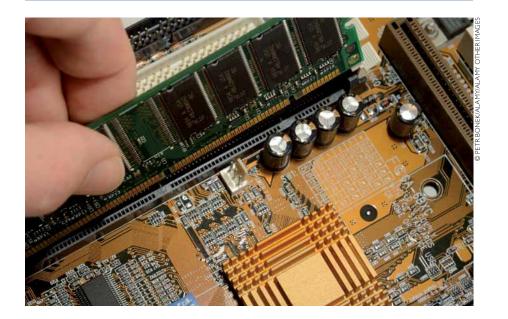
How old is your computer? Do you want to change it?

READING

I. Read the user's guide. How many steps are there?

Installing Memory Modules: Installation Procedure

- 1. Use only unbuffered DDR3 SDRAM.
- 2. Push the latches on each side of the DIMM slot down.
- **3.** Align the memory module with the slot.
- 4. Install the DIMM module into the slot.
- 5. Press it firmly down until it seats correctly.
- 6. Install the other DIMM modules.



- 2. Discuss the following sentences with a partner. Are they true or false?
 - a) It's possible to use DDR2 memory modules.
- **b**) There are latches on the left side of the DIMM slot only.
- c) There's only one position to install the memory modules.
- **d**) There's space for more than one module.

DIALOGUE

This computer won't work. It's a real lemon!

I. Ana and David are workmates. They are talking about a computer problem. Listen to their conversation. **Anna:** Hey, David. What's the matter?

David: This computer is getting on my nerves. It's a real lemon! Anna: Really? But isn't the operating system new?

David: Yes, it is! But the computer is too slow.

- **Anna:** Why don't you upgrade it?
- David: I can't. There are no free slots to install any more memory modules. Anna: So what you really need is a faster computer with a more sophistica-

ted operating system.

- **David:** And a larger LCD screen too.
- Anna: A larger screen? But your screen is big enough. David: Well, I love to play video games on my computer. The larger the
 - screen the better, right?



- 2. Discuss the following sentences with a partner. Are they true or false? a) David's computer is fast.

 - **b**) Its operating system is new.
 - c) There is some space to install more memory modules.
- d) David is not happy with the size of his computer screen.
- e) He likes to watch movies on his computer.





GRAMMAR (Part a)

I. Study the sentences in the box.

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Anna's computer is *faster* than David's computer.

It is newer.

The LCD screen is larger.

The operating system is more sophisticated.

- 2. Answer the questions with a partner:
 - To compare short adjectives we use:
 - **a**) adjective + *er* **b**) *more* + adjective

To compare long adjectives we use: **a)** adjective + *er* **b**) *more* + adjective

- 3. Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the verbs in parentheses. Use your notebook.

 - a) Palm Tops are ____ (light) than laptops.
 b) iPods are ____ (expensive) than flash drives.
 c) Canada is ____ (large) than France.

 - d) Angelina Jolie is (beautiful) than Lindsey Lohan.
 e) Netbooks are (small) than desktop computers.

 - f) Santa Catarina is _____ (cold) than Maceió.

4. Put the words in the right order. Write the answers in your notebook.

- **a**) is teacher taller John than his
- **b**) are interesting than dramas comedies more
- c) than Steve Martin funnier Jim Carrey is
- **d**) smaller than cats lions are
- e) more women talkative than men are
- f) than difficult Chemistry Physics is more

5. Put the sentences in the right order and form three conversations. Then practice with another student.

Conversation 1

Seven? It's older than my computer. It's seven years old. Is that your computer? Yes, it is. How old is it?

Conversation 2

Where does she work? Is her department large? She works in the women's department. What does your sister do? Well, it's larger than the men's department. She is a sales clerk.

Conversation 3

Enormous. It's bigger than his plate! He is preparing a sandwich. How big is the sandwich? What is Ronald doing in the kitchen?

CONVERSATION

I. Practice the conversation with another student. Use the comparative form of the following adjectives: expensive, cheap, small, large, light, heavy and convenient.

STUDENT A	STUDENT E
Which do you prefer, a desktop computer or a laptop?	l really prefer a _
Why?	Because a laptop is desktop computer.
True, but isn't a desktop computer than a laptop?	Maybe. But I still th better.

GRAMMAR (Part b)

I. Study the box below

Questions	Answers
Why don't you upgrade your computer?	That's a goo
Why don't you install a memory module?	Maybe I wil
Why don't you go to the game?	l can't. l'm l
Why don't you send her an e-mail?	l can't. l'm d



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is _ 🎜 than a
think a _ 🏝 is

ood idea.

ill.

- busy tonight.
- offline.



- 2. Make suggestions to the following situations. Use why you don't ...? and one of these verbs: do, talk, buy, or call. Use your notebook.
 - **a)** My car is too slow. _____a new one?
 - **b**) There are too many people standing in line at the bank. _____ your banking online?
 - c) My cousin Jerry keeps borrowing my T-shirts. _____ to him about it?
 - d) My CPU is making loud noises. And it's getting warmer, too. _____ a technician to see it?
- 3. Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

Conversation 1:

A: What's the matter? **B:** Oh, my computer is too slow. I want to make it _____. A: _____ don't you close some windows? **B:** That's a good _____.

Conversation 2:

A: What's the ____, Pete? You look worried. **B:** I am. My printer _____ changing the colors of my images. **A:** Why don't _____ change the cartridge? B: I can't . It's Sunday today and all the computer stores _____ closed.

Conversation 3:

A: Hey, Brenda. Aren't you coming ____ the party? B: In a minute. I'm ____ an e-mail to Pierre, my e-pal. **A:** You have an e-pal? Where _____ he live? A: Paris. He is coming ____ Brazil next week. **B:** Why *invite* him to stay in your place?



CONVERSATION

I. Practice the conversation with another student. Talk about your computer, camera, MP3-player, cell phone or printer.

Student A	Student B
What's the matter?	This 🦾 is really gettinnerves.
Really? Why do you say that?	lt's too 🦾 (slow / no old-fashioned)
Why don't you 🥼?	That's a good idea. / I ca

WRITING

I. A user has submitted a question to YAHOO ANSWERS. Read her question and the best answer she received.

YAHOO! ANSWERS

Which LCD monitor is better, Robotics MI23WA or **Computelink P235?**

Best of Answers: Go with Robotics. It is bigger, it has better resolution and the response time is three times faster. It's a little more expensive than the Computelink, but it's worth it.

2. Use the model below to write a question and the best answer about two computers/printers/pendrives, etc. Use comparatives in your answers Write it in your notebook.

Which is better, or?
Best of Answers: Go with _ / It is _ / it has better _ / a
three times It's a little than the but it's worth







nd the _⁄___ is



LISTENING AND PRONOUNCING

The "r-colored" schwa

Letters and sounds belong to different systems. The number of letters and the number of sounds of a given word do not necessarily coincide. In English each vowel sound in a word corresponds to one syllable. For example, the word big has one syllable, 3 letters and 3 sounds. The word *large* also has one syllable, but 5 letters and 4 sounds. The letter e in large doesn't count as a syllable (large ends in a consonant sound.)

I. How many syllables, letters and sounds are there in each word? Discuss your answers with a partner:

small	boring	new
modern	nice	difficult
sophisticated	old	slow

We form the comparative form of a short adjective by adding -er to the adjective. When we do so, we have to pronounce it with an extra vowel sound: the "r-colored" schwa. So the word big has one syllable, but bigger has two syllables.

- 2. Complete the sentences with the comparative form of some of the verbs in exercise 1. Make sure to pronounce an extra syllable for comparatives ending in -er. Then take turns reading the sentences.
 - **a)** A turtle is _____ than a rabbit.
 - **b**) Salvador is *in than Curitiba*.
 - c) A Blu-ray is _____ than a DVD.
 - d) English is *is* to learn than Chinese
- 3. Listen to the sentence produced by Jon "Maddog" Hall (Roda Viva n. 1390). As you listen to it, follow the intonation contour, which corresponds to the rising and falling of the voice. Identify the missing word. Is this word prominent?



I than most people think.

VOCABULARY EXPANSION

Computer parts

• motherboard

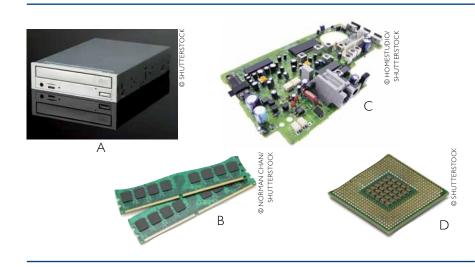
• memory module (RAM)

• sound card

I. Repeat these computer parts after your teacher.

- hard disk drive • professional graphics card
 - optical disk drive
 - processor chip
 - graphics adapter

2. Look at the following pictures. Can you identify the computer parts?



- 3. Complete these definitions using the computer parts seen previously. Please use your notebook.
 - a large circuit board into which you plug all your other hardware so it can communicate is a _____.
 - the part of a computer that reads CD and DVD is a _____.
 - the part of a computer that stores information, such as softwares or documents, even when the power is *off* is a _____.
 - the expansion card that converts digital sound into signals for speakers or earphones is a _____.
- the part of a computer used to store temporary data while the computer is running is a 🔎.
- 4. Complete these sentences with some of the hardware from exercise 1. Write the answers in your notebook.
 - a) I need to buy a high definition *Letter* because I love listening to music and recording jingles.
 - **b**) Yesterday I replaced my old _____ and installed a brand new _____ because I want to improve my computer performance.
 - c) My has got two free slots.
 - **d**) The technician installed a DDR3 _____ on my computer.



