

## 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.
8. The best male athletes can cover 152 miles in a 24hr period, while the best female runners can cover only 125 miles. This represents a difference of 20 **percent/percentage**.
9. Between 1980 and 2004 the banking sector remained constant at approximately thirty **percent/percentage** of the workforce.
10. The **percent/percentage** of production rose significantly in the last three years.

## Activity 2

In the second activity you need to choose the appropriate comparative adjective to complete the sentences below.

**Question 1:** The data shows that Mitchells is the third \_\_\_\_\_ company in Australia.

- Answer:**
- a. largest
  - b. better
  - c. busier

**Question 2:** Researchers are claiming that pollution levels are \_\_\_\_\_ than in previous years.

- Answer:**
- a. lowest
  - b. less serious
  - c. largest

**Question 3:** The streets in Sydney are \_\_\_\_\_ now than they were in 2003.

- Answer:**
- a. harder
  - b. highest
  - c. busier

**Question 4:** Mexico has the \_\_\_\_\_ income per capita of the five cities compared in the graph.

- Answer:**
- a. lowest
  - b. better
  - c. most profitable

**Question 5:** Though it is an inferior product, marketing research indicates that it is still \_\_\_\_\_ than the Smith brand.

- Answer:**
- a. lowest
  - b. better
  - c. largest



**Question 6:** Studying for the maths exam was \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ than for any of the other subjects.

**Answer:**  
a. busier  
b. less serious  
c. harder

**Question 7:** The return on their investment was significant, and, in comparison to the other three firms, was the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

**Answer:**  
a. most profitable  
b. least experienced  
c. highest

**Question 8:** Surprisingly, it was the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ athlete who completed the marathon first.

**Answer:**  
a. largest  
b. highest  
c. least experienced

**Question 9:** There are several models available on the market but the latest is designed for the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ consumer because of its complexity.

**Answer:**  
a. more serious  
b. busier  
c. better

**Question 10:** Because the north experienced the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ rainfall may explain the reason for the poor crops and high prices in that region.

**Answer:**  
a. harder  
b. more serious  
c. highest

## ACTIVITY 1: Answers

1. The percentage of high school students that go to university is about twenty percent.
2. The bank has raised the interest rate by two percent.
3. The percentage of married women in the workforce rose from fifty to sixty percent.
4. Only forty percent of the population voted in the election.
5. If his answers are all correct, he'll get one hundred percent on the test.
6. Only a small percentage of people were interested in the election.
7. The most popular leisure activity for the group is shopping, which has a ninety percent participation rate across the population.
8. The best male athletes can cover 152 miles in a 24hr period, while the best female runners can cover only 125 miles. This represents a difference of 20 percent.
9. Between 1980 and 2004 the banking sector remained constant at approximately thirty percent of the workforce.
10. The percentage of production rose significantly in the last three years.

## 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.
7. The return on their investment was significant, and, in comparison to the other three firms, was the most profitable.
8. Surprisingly, it was the least experienced athlete who completed the marathon first.
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.