

Before you start

- 1 Read the article. Look at the **highlighted** grammar examples.



Following the recent earthquake, Chinese wildlife experts have moved eight giant panda bear cubs from the Wolong Nature Reserve in Sichuan province to Beijing Zoo. These attractive **black and white** animals are all less than two years old. The public **rarely sees** so many **cute young** panda bears in the same place, so there has been a lot of interest from the international media.

It seems that everyone thinks panda bears are **fascinating**. Perhaps it is because there are so few of them. But in fact pandas **aren't as rare as** they used to be. Their numbers have grown **fairly fast** since the Chinese **opened the first nature reserves in 1958**. New research methods mean it is **less difficult** to find the bears, and we can track the number of animals **much more accurately** than we could before. Although they are still few in number, their chances for the future are **better** than they have been for many years.

- 2 Now read the sentences and choose the correct words in *italics*. The **highlighted** grammar examples will help you.

- | | |
|--|-----------|
| 1 What happened to your <i>blue and yellow</i> / <i>blue yellow</i> scarf? | ➤ Unit 19 |
| 2 Do you think nature films on TV are <i>interested</i> / <i>interesting</i> ? | ➤ Unit 19 |
| 3 Lizzie has a <i>lovely old</i> / <i>old lovely</i> photograph of her grandparents. | ➤ Unit 20 |
| 4 My exam results were <i>better</i> / <i>more good</i> than my sister's. | ➤ Unit 21 |
| 5 They say the driving test is less <i>easier</i> / <i>easy</i> than it used to be. | ➤ Unit 21 |
| 6 Tea isn't <i>expensive</i> / <i>as expensive</i> as coffee. | ➤ Unit 22 |
| 7 I learnt to swim <i>fairly quickly</i> / <i>quickly fairly</i> because I was so young. | ➤ Unit 23 |
| 8 We <i>visit often</i> / <i>often visit</i> our friends in Edinburgh. | ➤ Unit 24 |
| 9 They <i>in the past treated animals badly</i> / <i>treated animals badly in the past</i> . | ➤ Unit 24 |
| 10 Our cousins go there <i>much</i> / <i>many</i> more often than we do. | ➤ Unit 25 |

- 3 Check your answers below. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.

1 blue and yellow 2 interesting 3 lovely old 4 better 5 easy 6 as expensive 7 fairly quickly 8 often visit 9 treated animals badly in the past 10 much