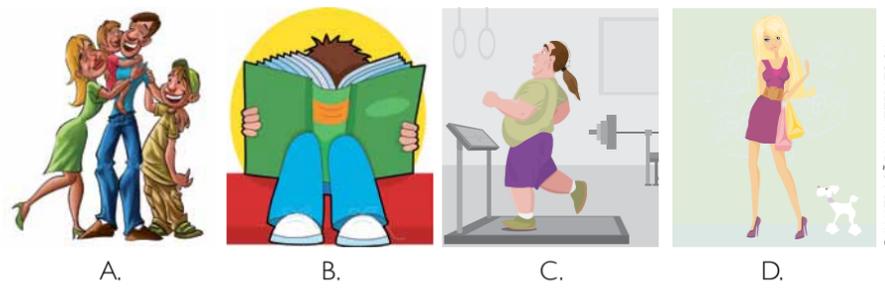


5. Look at the images and think of one or two adjectives for each of them.



## 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.

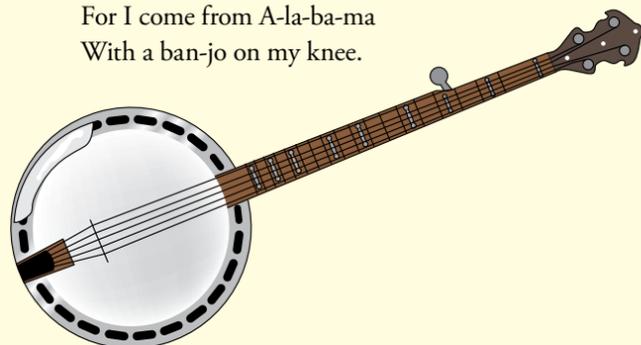
I had a dream the other night  
When everything was still  
I dreamed I saw Susannah dear  
A-coming down the hill.

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.

# Unit 9

## Why don't you upgrade it?

- Comparing things
- Making suggestions
- Submitting an answer to a discussion forum

### FIRST MOVE

Match the problems with their solutions.

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

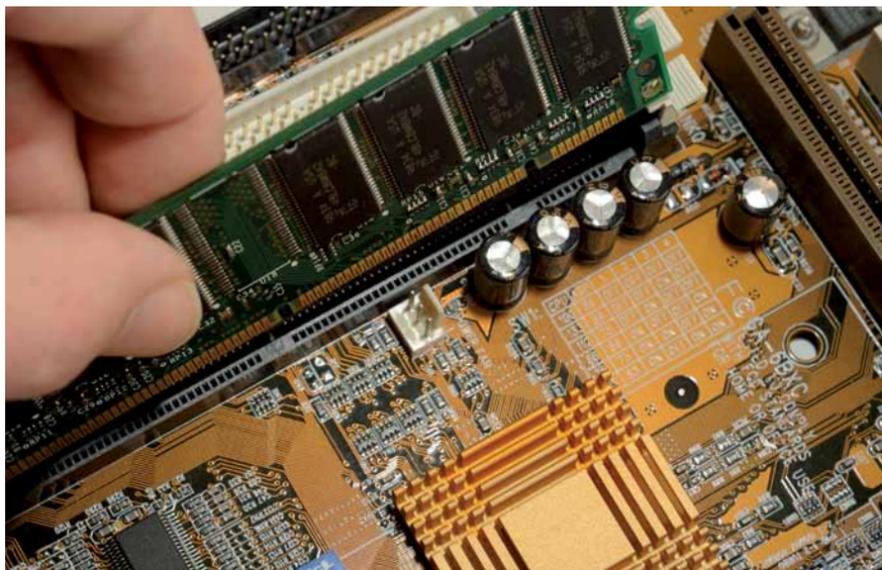
How old is your computer? Do you want to change it?

### READING

1. 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!

1. 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 sophisticated 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.



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 \_ you invite him to stay in your place?



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**CONVERSATION**

1. 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 getting on my nerves.
Really? Why do you say that?	It's too _ (slow / noisy / large / old-fashioned)
Why don't you _?	That's a good idea. / I can't. I'm _.

**WRITING**

1. 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 \_ and the \_ is three times \_. It's a little \_ than the \_ but it's worth it.

## 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.)

1. 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 turtle is than a rabbit.
- Salvador is than Curitiba.
- A Blu-ray is than a DVD.
- English 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?



The digital inclusion problem is actually much than most people think.

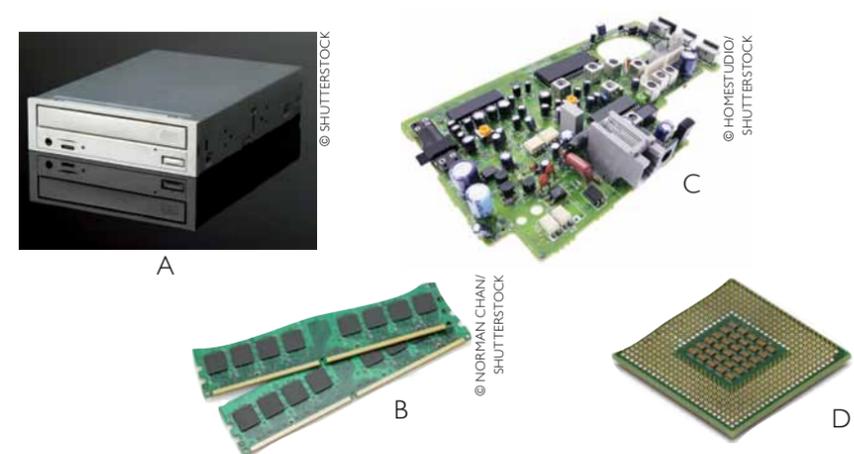
## VOCABULARY EXPANSION

### Computer parts

1. Repeat these computer parts after your teacher.

- professional graphics card
- motherboard
- sound card
- memory module (RAM)
- hard disk drive
- 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.

- I need to buy a high definition because I love listening to music and recording jingles.
- Yesterday I replaced my old and installed a brand new because I want to improve my computer performance.
- My has got two free slots.
- The technician installed a DDR3 on my computer.