

# Stuff and things

## 5.1 Your world in objects

### Vocabulary adjectives for describing objects

1 Circle the word or phrase that is different.

- 1 dark blue metal pale grey
- 2 large tiny useful
- 3 comfortable heavy light
- 4 leather plastic thin
- 5 gold personal ordinary
- 6 antique brand new special

2 Match definitions 1-8 to words in the box.

amazing ~~gold~~ leather light ordinary special useful  
valuable

- 1 made from an expensive metal gold
- 2 not weighing much \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 difficult to believe \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 made from the skin of animals \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 important for some reason \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 helpful and practical \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 costing a lot of money \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 very normal \_\_\_\_\_



3 Complete the article with the words in the box.

amazing antique brand new comfortable heavy  
large thin tiny

### Televisions:

### past and present



It's <sup>1</sup> amazing how much televisions have changed over the years. Early televisions were very <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and they needed at least two people to carry them. It was difficult to see the image on an <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ television, because the screen was <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Today, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ televisions are a completely different shape. They are very <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, which makes them easier to carry, and they have a <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ screen, which is easy to see. And watching TV is much more <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ these days, because you don't have to get up from the sofa every time you want to change the channel!

### PRONUNCIATION adjective word stress (2)

4a Underline the syllable we stress in the words. Which word has the stress on the second syllable?

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1 useful  | 5 special |
| 2 heavy   | 6 antique |
| 3 leather | 7 plastic |
| 4 metal   | 8 tiny    |

b 5.1 ))) Listen and check.

c 5.1 ))) Listen again. Pause the CD and repeat after each word.

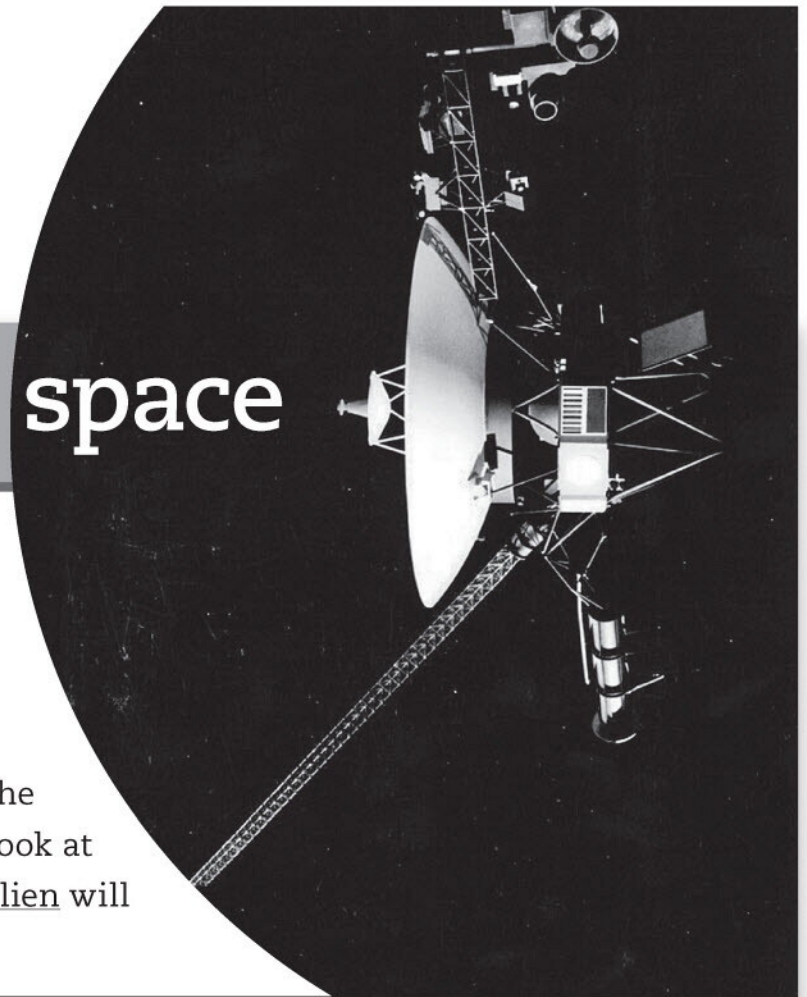
## Grammar articles

- 5 Choose the correct option *a/an, the* or **(X)** (= nothing) to complete the sentences.
- It's my mother's birthday so I need to buy a / *the* / **(X)** present.
  - Your coat is hanging in *a* / *the* / **(X)** wardrobe.
  - I've forgotten *a* / *the* / **(X)** name of that film we saw last night.
  - I've never liked *a* / *the* / **(X)** big dogs, especially if they're barking.
  - Yesterday was *an* / *the* / **(X)** ordinary day - we didn't do anything special.
  - A* / *The* / **(X)** ring my partner gave me is very valuable.
  - We never eat *a* / *the* / **(X)** fast food because it isn't very healthy.
  - Our dishwasher is broken so we need to buy *a* / *the* / **(X)** new one.
- 6 Read the article. Tick (✓) the correct articles and put a cross (X) if the article is wrong. Correct the incorrect articles.
- |                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| 1 ✓                    | 7 _____  |
| 2 X <i>the planets</i> | 8 _____  |
| 3 _____                | 9 _____  |
| 4 _____                | 10 _____ |
| 5 _____                | 11 _____ |
| 6 _____                | 12 _____ |

- 7 Complete the conversations with *a/an, the* or **(X)** (= nothing).
- A Where is the milk?  
B I put it back in \_\_\_\_\_ fridge.
  - A Do you want to have \_\_\_\_\_ shower?  
B Yes, please. Can I have \_\_\_\_\_ towel?
  - A Have you got \_\_\_\_\_ car?  
B Yes, but I prefer using \_\_\_\_\_ public transport.
  - A I've just read \_\_\_\_\_ great book. I cried at the end.  
B Really? I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ books with sad endings.
  - A Where can I find information about \_\_\_\_\_ cheap flights?  
B On \_\_\_\_\_ internet.
  - A Do your parents live in \_\_\_\_\_ house where you were born?  
B No, they moved to \_\_\_\_\_ countryside when they retired.

## Time capsules in space

In 1977, NASA sent *Voyager 1* and *Voyager 2* into <sup>1</sup>space to study <sup>2</sup>planets Jupiter and Saturn. Each *Voyager* is carrying <sup>3</sup>time capsule with <sup>4</sup>pictures that show <sup>5</sup>the life on Earth. <sup>6</sup>The capsules also contain <sup>7</sup>the music and different sounds, such as <sup>8</sup>the birds singing. Each capsule is <sup>9</sup>a present for the person who finds it. In the future, someone may look at <sup>10</sup>pictures and listen to <sup>11</sup>music. Or perhaps <sup>12</sup>an alien will find one. Who knows?



### I can ...

describe objects.

Very well

Quite well

More practice



use articles.

