UNIT 12

Prices



Getting Ready

Can you guess the price of these items in a typical American city? Write the prices in the chart. Then write the prices of the items in your city.

75¢ $1500 $9 $20 $140 $500

	American city's price	Your city's price
1. a movie ticket	$9	
2. a newspaper		
3. a digital camera		
4. a DVD		
5. a pair of sneakers		
6. a laptop computer		

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Listening 1

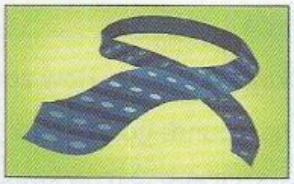
People are asking about prices. Listen and write the price of each item.



1. $55



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

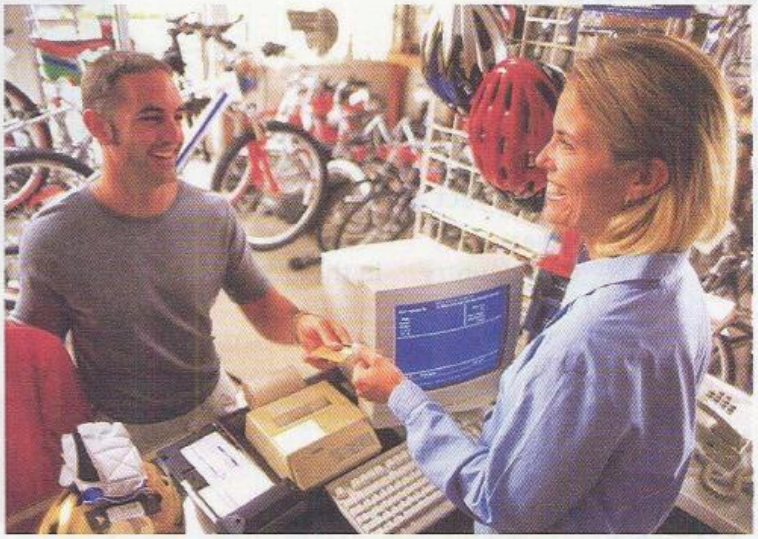
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Listening 2

CD 2-20 ▶ Task 1

Listen to cashiers in a store. Write the total amount each person needs to pay and the amount of change each person receives.



1. total: $7.50
   change: $12.50
2. total: _____
   change: _____
3. total: _____
   change: _____
4. total: _____
   change: _____
5. total: _____
   change: _____
6. total: _____
   change: _____

CD 2-20 ▶ Task 2

Listen again. What two things did each person buy? Check (✓) the correct answers.

1. ☑ soup
   ☐ soap
   ☐ apples
   ☐ tomatoes
   ☑ shampoo
2. ☐ CD
   ☐ DVD
   ☐ batteries
   ☐ cassette
   ☐ poster
3. ☐ newspapers
   ☐ stamps
   ☐ books
   ☐ magazines
   ☐ notebook
4. ☐ coat
   ☐ T-shirt
   ☐ shoes
   ☐ socks
   ☐ tie
5. ☐ chocolates
   ☐ cake
   ☐ soda
   ☐ bread
   ☐ cookies
6. ☐ stamps
   ☐ magazines
   ☐ newspapers
   ☐ book
   ☐ notebook

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Listening 3



CD 2-21 ▶ Task 1

People are talking about prices in the U.S. and prices in their own country. Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

	Cheaper in their country	Cheaper in the U.S.
1. cars	☐	☑
2. rents	☐	☐
3. clothes	☐	☐
4. air travel	☐	☐
5. tuition	☐	☐
6. hospitals	☐	☐

CD 2-21 ▶ Task 2

Listen again. Are these statements true or false? Check (✓) the correct answer.



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	True	False
1. He doesn't own a car in the U.S.	☐	☑
2. She lived in a nicer neighborhood at home than the one she lives in now.	☐	☐
3. He bought a lot of clothes before he moved to the U.S.	☐	☐
4. She travels by plane a lot in the U.S.	☐	☐
5. Public schools in his country are better than those in the U.S.	☐	☐
6. Hospitals and clinics are expensive in her country.	☐	☐

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Conversation Corner — Talking about prices

Pronunciation

Saying large numbers

> **Pronunciation Help**
>
> The use of *and* is optional in large numbers. Use it between the hundreds and tens, or simply pause. 110 can be one hundred and ten or one hundred ten.

CD 2-22 ▶ **Task 1**

Listen and repeat.

1. a thousand
2. one thousand
3. two hundred and twenty-seven
4. two hundred twenty-seven
5. four thousand–six hundred and eighteen
6. four thousand–six hundred eighteen

▶ **Task 2**

Read the numbers to a partner. Be sure to stress the correct syllables in each number.

Dictation

CD 2-23 ▶ **Task 1**

Listen to the conversation. Write the missing words or numbers.

A: Excuse me. I need a new computer. What's the price range for your laptops?

B: Well, our lowest-priced laptop is only _____. Our highest-priced model costs _____.

A: That's _____! Can you tell me about the low-priced one?

B: Well, it's fine for basic use, if you don't play games much.

A: Well, I am a big gamer, but I don't want to spend over a _____ dollars, though.

B: This model has a lot of power, and it only costs _____ dollars. It's very popular.

A: Hmm, let me take a look.

▶ **Task 2**

Practice the conversation with a partner. Be sure to stress the correct syllables in the numbers.

Conversation

Work in pairs. Think about how much money you spend each month and what you spend it on. Talk about how much money you spend.

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