



VOCABULARY

describing products

- 1 A Work in pairs and discuss the questions.
- 1 When you are thinking about buying something, where do you get information about it?
- 2 Look quickly at the texts in Ex 1B and 2. Where does the different information come from?
- 3 How do you ever decide on a bike? What do you know about them?

- 2 Read the message exchange. What useful information does Sam tell Lynn?

5C Lynn

Hi Sam, I'm shopping for an e-bike and you're a bit of an expert. What type should I get? I don't mind paying for something good if it's really worth it. ...

Hi Lynn. Big question. There are mountain bikes, commuter bikes, conversion bikes. ... What do you want to use it for?

Basically for getting to school/work, and for doing shopping. Maybe a bit of exercise, but nothing major. ...

OK, so a commuter bike would probably be best for you. ...

One question, what if I want to ride in the forest? I know how hilly it is here. Maybe I should get a mountain bike, but I don't want anything too heavy. ...

Well, there are good things about carrying a laptop to work and they're often quite heavy. ...

OK, but can I ride a commuter bike in the forest?

Depends. Some models can, like the Doris and the Trek Rider. I recommend one of those. Actually, ...

What's the difference between those two?

Good question. Why don't you have a look at some online reviews?

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- 4A [3.4.1] Listen to Lynn and her friend discuss the e-bike. Which one does Lynn decide to buy? Why?

- B Work in pairs. Complete each sentence with one word.

1 From ... it depends on what you want to use it for.

2 The only ... is that a mountain bike is good for carrying things like shopping.

3 According to ... Sam, it's quite heavy.

4 Long ... short, it's a better bike.

5 So it's ... whether you want to go down for more range and a better one.

6 Yes, in the ... it's a question of which you want to use.

7 All ... all, reviewers of both models seem happy with these bikes.

8 It all comes ... to the price.

9 Well, just ... something's not cheap, it doesn't mean it's not good.

10 Yes, taking ... into account, I think the Trek Rider is good enough for me.

- 4B [3.4.1] Listen and check your ideas.

- 5A Work in pairs. Put the phrases in Ex 4B into the correct group.

Using where ... From what he says, ...

you get the information

summing up ... Long story short, ...

focuses on a specific point ... The only thing is that ...

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