

## describing products

1 A Choose the correct words to complete the reviews.



★★★★★

### Perfect family table

Very pleased with our new table – it looks great, and the quality is <sup>1</sup>**stable** / **superb**. The description says that it's <sup>2</sup>**impressive** / **suitable** for around six people, but you can fit eight people around it comfortably. For the <sup>3</sup>**reasonable** / **value** price of £249, it's a great buy.

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### Not worth the money

The table looks <sup>4</sup>**fair** / **decent**, but the quality is poor. The wood gets damaged easily and it isn't very strong or <sup>5</sup>**acceptable** / **stable**. Very disappointed with my purchase.

★★★★★

### Great purchase

A wonderful, <sup>6</sup>**solid** / **reasonable** table, but quite heavy to move around. I love the simple style and it looks much more expensive than it is. Excellent value for money.

B Complete the conversation using words from the box.

acceptable discount impressive pleasant  
reasonable stable suitable superb

- A: That's an <sup>1</sup>..... bike. Is it new?  
 B: Yes, I got it last week.  
 A: It looks great!  
 B: Thanks. I'm very pleased with it. The quality is absolutely <sup>2</sup>....., and the price was very <sup>3</sup>.....  
 A: Is it <sup>4</sup>..... for cycling in the mountains?  
 B: Yes, and the city. It's a bit heavy but it feels very strong and <sup>5</sup>....., so I don't mind.

## summarise information from different sources

2 A 5.04 | Listen to two people choosing a hotel for a holiday. Which hotel do they choose?

B 5.04 | Listen again. Choose the correct option to complete the extracts from the recording.

- 1 From / By what she says, there are lots of options ...
- 2 ... it's a question of do / whether we want to be in the centre ...
- 3 According to / with the reviews, it has big rooms ...
- 4 ... all in short / all, I think it's a better hotel.
- 5 Well, only / just because something's cheaper, it doesn't mean it's worse.
- 6 The only / An only thing is, the marina is a bit further from the train station.
- 7 Well, taking everything in / into account ...

## PRONUNCIATION

3 5.05 | intonation in summarising phrases | Listen to two speakers saying the same phrase. Choose the speaker who uses appropriate intonation (A or B).

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| 1 Speaker ..... | 4 Speaker ..... |
| 2 Speaker ..... | 5 Speaker ..... |
| 3 Speaker ..... | 6 Speaker ..... |

## SPEAKING

4 A 5.06 | Complete the conversation with one word in each gap. Then listen and check.

- A: Have you bought a new laptop yet?  
 B: No, I'm still trying to decide which one to get, the X200 or the Pro-Top.  
 A: What's the difference?  
 B: According <sup>1</sup>..... reviews, the Pro-Top has more memory and a bigger screen than the X200. But the X200 is much cheaper.  
 A: Well, just <sup>2</sup>..... something's cheap, it doesn't mean it isn't any good.  
 B: I know! The only thing <sup>3</sup>....., the Pro-Top is very solid and heavy. I cycle to work, so I want something light that I can carry in my backpack.  
 A: Is the X200 lighter?  
 B: Yes, it's much smaller. And <sup>4</sup>..... what the reviews say, it's slightly faster than the Pro-Top.  
 A: So, it's a matter <sup>5</sup>..... whether you want a computer with more memory or a lighter one.  
 B: Yes. All <sup>6</sup>..... all, I think the X200 is a better choice for me.

B 5.07 | You are B in Ex 4A. Listen and speak after the beep. Record the conversation if you can.

C Listen to your recording and compare it to Ex 4A.