

●●● The Price of Coffee

A. VOCABULARY: Prices and values

Complete the sentences with the expressions from the box.

come up with
depend on
take advantage of

pay a fair price for
has an effect on
treat myself to

rely on
invest in
charge for

make the most of

- You should make the most of the beautiful weather today. It's going to rain tomorrow.
- Prices _____ what people are willing to pay.
- Drinking too much coffee _____ my ability to sleep at night.
- After a bad day, I _____ a bowl of ice cream.
- Our guests can _____ many facilities at the hotel, such as restaurants, meeting rooms, and workout rooms.
- I am willing to _____ food, but I think \$12 for a sandwich is too much.
- You can _____ the service at the restaurant. It's always fast.
- To be successful, businesses need to _____ new ideas on a regular basis.
- Should I _____ Sam's business? I'll make money if it's successful.
- I'll never go back to that restaurant. They _____ a glass of water!

B. GRAMMAR: Modifying comparisons

Compare the bakeries below. Use the words in parentheses and a bit, a little, much, a lot, more, way more, or by far.

	Bob's Bakery	Crazy 4 Cake	Sweet Surprises
Price for cakes	\$15	\$25	\$12
Busy times	11 a.m.–3 p.m.	all day	12 p.m.–2 p.m.
Likes	255	765	450
In business since	1952	2008	2010

- Crazy 4 Cake has been open a little longer than Sweet Surprises. Of the three, Bob's Bakery has been open by far the longest (long)
- Crazy 4 Cake is _____, but Bob's Bakery is _____ than Sweet Surprises. (expensive)
- Sweet Surprises is _____ than Bob's Bakery, but Crazy 4 Cake is _____. (popular)
- Crazy 4 Cake is _____ of the three. Bob's Bakery is _____ than Sweet Surprises. (busy)

Complete the sentences with as... as and almost, nearly, nowhere near, or just.

- The pizza at Arturo's is much better than the pizza at Gina's.
Gina's pizza is not nearly as good as Arturo's.
- The servers at Gina's are a little friendlier than the servers at Arturo's.
Arturo's servers are _____ Gina's are.
- The seats at Gina's are really comfortable. Arturo's seats aren't comfortable at all.
Arturo's seats are _____ Gina's are.
- Arturo's and Gina's are big. They both have 25 tables. Gina's is _____ Arturo's is.
- Gina's and Arturo's are new. Gina's opened in June of 2017. Arturo's opened six months later. Gina's is _____ Arturo's is.