

VOCABULARY

Easily confused words: *pay, charge, cost*

1 Read the examples. Complete the definitions with *pay, charge* or *cost (of)*.

EP

- 1 I **paid** £10 for these.
- 2 These trainers **cost** £40 originally.
- 3 They **charge** £1.50 for a small bottle of water!
- 4 My brother enjoys his job but the **pay** is terrible.
- 5 The **cost of** repairing my phone was over £100.
- 6 The **charges** quickly became a problem.

- a Charge is the amount of money that a business asks for something, especially a service.
- b _____ is the amount of money someone receives for doing a job.
- c The _____ something is the amount of money you pay for it.
- d Products _____ an amount of money to buy.
- e Sellers _____ an amount of money for a product or service.
- f Customers _____ sellers an amount of money for a product or service.

2 Choose the correct word.

- 1 How much do they *charge / cost* for delivery on that website?
- 2 I only *paid / charged* £20 for these trainers.
- 3 How much does it *pay / cost* to go by train?
- 4 The job is hard but the *cost / pay* isn't bad.
- 5 My parents couldn't believe the *charge / cost* of food on holiday. It was really expensive.
- 6 Students can visit the exhibition free of *charge / pay*.

3 Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you think museums should charge for admission or be free? Why?
- 2 What's the most you've paid for a small bottle of water?
- 3 How much does it cost to go to the cinema in your town or city?
- 4 Will pay be important to you in your future choice of job?
- 5 Do you know the cost of a typical flat or house in your area?
- 6 Have you ever eaten at a restaurant free of charge?

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1 Complete the sentences with the correct verb.

- 1 My new jeans _____ £45.
- 2 Can I _____ for this with my credit card?
- 3 They _____ £30 a year to be a member.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in Exercise 1.

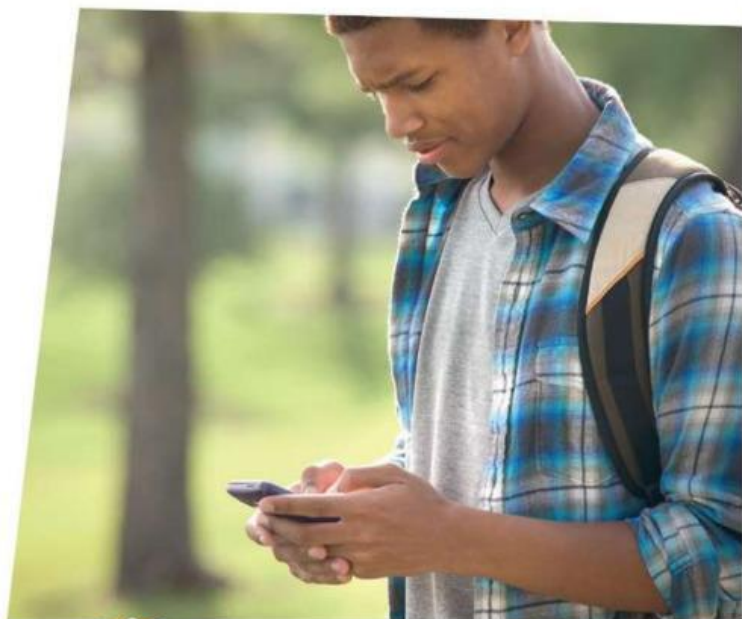
- 1 Entry is free. We aren't _____ anyone today.
- 2 It _____ £250 to fly to Prague.
- 3 Have you _____ for the tickets?

WRITING

A story (2)

- 1 Look at the pictures and read the first sentence of the story. What do you think happens in the story?

I've never enjoyed shopping for clothes.



- 2 Read the first few sentences of Jamie's story and check your ideas.

I've never enjoyed shopping for clothes. It takes ages, and when I get home I always regret buying something, and then I have to take it back. So one day I decided to try doing it online.

I **looked up** the website of my favourite clothes shop and soon I had everything I needed. And there were lots of special offers too! While I was paying for everything, I **noticed** a competition. I could win the money I paid for my clothes. I've never been lucky, but I decided to **enter**.

A few days later the clothes arrived. Unfortunately, *nothing* fitted me apart from some socks. So I **sent back** everything ... except for the socks.

A few weeks after that, I got an email. I was one of the winners in their competition. I got back everything I paid for the clothes online. And how much was that? £4.99!

- 3 Read the *Prepare to write* box. Then read the story again. Does it have a clear beginning, middle and end?



PREPARE TO WRITE

A story (2)

When you write a story:

- make sure there is a beginning, middle and end
- use interesting verbs to describe the actions of the story
- use time adverbs and phrases to describe when things happened: *first, then, when, while, soon, a few days later, a few weeks after that, suddenly*.

4 Match the **highlighted** verbs in the story to the meanings.

- 1 take part in a competition
- 2 found by looking on a computer
- 3 returned something to a shop by post
- 4 saw

5 Find five time adverbs and phrases in the story. Then choose the correct time adverbs in the sentences.

- 1 I called my friend *as soon as* / *while* the accident happened.
- 2 About ten minutes *then* / *later*, I finally arrived home.
- 3 He discovered the truth *while* / *then* he was reading some old letters.
- 4 She *when* / *suddenly* had a brilliant idea!
- 5 I needed a new jacket. *Soon* / *First*, I tried looking online.
- 6 *When* / *While* I got to school, it was already nine o'clock.