

How much are these? Part 2

8 WORD POWER Materials

A What are these things made of? Label each one. Use the words from the list.

cotton gold leather plastic rubber silk silver wool



1. a silk tie



2. a gold bracelet



3. a silver ring



4. a cotton shirt



5. a leather belt



6. plastic earrings



7. rubber flip-flops



8. wool socks

B **PAIR WORK** What other materials are the things in part A sometimes made of? Make a list.

C **CLASS ACTIVITY** Which materials can you find in your classroom?

"Min-hee has gold earrings, and Ray has a leather jacket."

9 CONVERSATION That's a good point.

A Listen and practice.

Alex

I love these dresses! They are perfect for the wedding on Saturday.

Kristin

Yes! I like this black cotton one.

Alex

The black one? Why?

Kristin

It's more stylish for a wedding.

Alex

That's true, but it's the middle of summer. The material of this one is lighter.

Kristin

That's a good point. The wedding is in the afternoon.

Alex

Hmm... there's no price tag. Excuse me. How much is this dress?

Clerk

It's \$400. Would you like to try it on?

Alex

Oh, no. That's OK. Thanks anyway.

Clerk

You're welcome.



B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What does Alex buy? What does Kristin think of it?

10 GRAMMAR FOCUS

▶ Preferences; comparisons with adjectives

Which dress do you **prefer**?

I **prefer** the blue one.

It's **nicer than** the black one.

Which one do you **like more**?

I **like** the blue one **more**.

It's **lighter than** the black one.

Which one do you **like better**?

I **like** the black one **better**.

It's **more stylish than** the blue one.

Spelling

cheap → cheaper

nice → nicer

big → bigger

pretty → prettier

GRAMMAR PLUS see page 134

A Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.



1. A: Which of these jackets do you like more?

B: I prefer the leather one. The design is _____ (nice), and it looks _____ (expensive) the wool one.

2. A: These sweaters are nice. Which one do you prefer?

B: I like the gray one better. The color is _____ (pretty). It's _____ (attractive) the brown and yellow one.

3. A: Which rings do you like better?

B: I like the silver ones more. They're _____ (small) the gold ones. And they're _____ (cheap).

B **PAIR WORK** Compare the things in part A. Give your own opinions.

A: Which jacket do you like more?

B: I like the wool one better. The color is prettier.

useful expressions

The color is prettier.

The design is nicer.

The style is more attractive.

The material is better.

11 WRITING My favorite clothes

A What do you like to wear? Write about your favorite clothes and compare them to clothes you don't like as much.

My favorite clothes are cotton T-shirts and jeans. T-shirts are more comfortable than shirts and ties, and I think jeans are nicer than pants. I know that suits are more stylish, but ...

B **GROUP WORK** Take turns reading your descriptions. Ask questions to get more information.

12 READING

A Skim the article. Why do you think people shop online?



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B Read the blog. Find the item and write its name. Then write the number of the paragraph where you find the answers.

Find something . . .

- . . . that you can wear. _____
- . . . that you use with your laptop. _____
- . . . that saves you a lot of time. _____
- . . . that is huge. _____

C **GROUP WORK** The person who invented the first pet rock, Gary Dahl, became a millionaire. Why do you think people bought pet rocks? Do you think Mr. Dahl was a smart man? Would you buy a pet rock? Would you buy any of the other things? How much would you spend? Tell your classmates.