

Reading: classified advertisements

1 Read the classified advertisements. Match the objects with the information.

FOR SALE

PAIR OF BOOTS. Made of fake leather! In very good condition. Beautiful design.

Only been worn a few times.

£25. Tel: 642 332.

ACOUSTIC GUITAR. Made of rosewood. Only been played at home. Not been used for playing in concerts. In excellent condition.

£250. Tel: 771 162.

SHERIFF'S COSTUME. Perfect for dressing-up parties! Set includes toy pistol, badge, handcuffs and a sheriff's hat.

£50. Great price! Tel: 502 789.

ELECTRIC GUITAR. Incredible instrument, made of glass! Only one ever made.

Never been played.

£1,000. Tel: 444 109.

BEAUTIFUL WOODEN WAGON. Made of mahogany. Carved by hand.

Ten centimetres in height. In perfect condition.

£80. Tel: 887 521.

SADDLE. Made of the finest leather. Has been used, but still in good condition.

£30. Tel: 887 442.

1 pair of boots

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a the smallest object

2 acoustic guitar

b a set of several objects

3 sheriff's costume

c not been used out of the house

4 electric guitar

d the most expensive object

5 wagon

e made of leather

6 saddle

f the cheapest object

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Rewrite 1–6 so that they are similar to phrases used in classified advertisements.

- 1 It's made of wood.
- 2 It's in perfect condition.
- 3 A bike and a helmet.
- 4 Piano. It has not been used much.
- 5 A beautiful scarf. It's made of wool.
- 6 Telephone: 443 172.

Made of wood.

Help with Writing

We write classified advertisements by using a special abbreviated style. This means that we include only the most important information. We usually leave out the verb **be**, auxiliary verbs such as **have** and the articles, **a** / **an** and **the**.

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Write a classified advertisement for some items you would like to sell. Use the examples on the Reading page to help you. Include the following information:

- what each item is
- what each item is made of
- how much each item costs
- a telephone number.