

Vocabulary expansion

1 For questions 1–8, read the text and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap.

(Each option is a preposition.)

Value Beyond Cost: Technology and Budgeting

Many people think that the latest phone or laptop is the most important purchase, but real value is often about long-term benefit, not just cost. Smart consumers treat themselves 1 ___ a new gadget only when it is necessary and useful.

A good strategy is to come up 2 ___ a monthly budget and stick to it. People often depend 3 ___ technology for studying, working, and communicating, so choosing the right tools is essential. Some brands charge 4 ___ higher prices for extra features, but it's important to decide if you really need them.

When buying electronics, you should rely 5 ___ trustworthy reviews and recommendations. If the product is durable and high-quality, customers feel they pay a fair price 6 ___ it. This kind of decision can have an effect 7 ___ your productivity and daily life.

To save money, many students take advantage 8 ___ discounts during sales and promotions.

1	A on	B in	C to	D for
2	A with	B on	C in	D at
3	A up	B on	C at	D of
4	A on	B for	C at	D in
5	A on	B for	C with	D to
6	A of	B for	C with	D in
7	A on	B to	C at	D in
8	A of	B in	C at	D with

2 Choose the phrase closest in meaning

(Balanced order)

1. **Treat yourself to** →

- a) save money for later
- b) buy something special for yourself
- c) avoid spending money

2. **Depend on** →

- a) not trust something
- b) need something to work
- c) ignore something

3. **Make the most of** →

- a) waste an opportunity
- b) use an opportunity well
- c) forget an opportunity

4. **Have an effect on** →

- a) not change anything
- b) cause a change
- c) stay the same

5. **Invest in** →

- a) waste money
- b) save money without using it
- c) spend money on something valuable

6. **Charge for** →

- a) give something for free
- b) ask for money for something
- c) return a product

7. **Come up with** →

- a) forget an idea
- b) create a new idea
- c) copy someone else's idea

8. **Pay a fair price for** →

- a) pay the right amount
- b) pay too much
- c) pay nothing

9. **Rely on** →

- a) trust someone or something
- b) argue with someone
- c) avoid someone

10. **Suggest a price for** →

- a) sell something immediately
- b) decide a price for something
- c) return an item

11. **Take advantage of** →

- a) ignore a chance
- b) use something in a smart way
- c) avoid responsibility

12. **Play an important role in** →

- a) be a small part of something
- b) be a key part of something
- c) not be involved

1 Complete the sentences using the correct **comparative or superlative form** of the adjective in brackets.
Use a **modifier** (e.g. *much, far, a lot, a bit, slightly, by far*) where possible.

- 1) This phone is _____ (expensive) than mine.
- 2) This is _____ (good) restaurant in the area.
- 3) My brother is _____ (tall) than me.
- 4) That was _____ (exciting) movie I've ever seen.
- 5) This movie is _____ (interesting) than the other one.
- 6) She is _____ (popular) student in the class.
- 7) My English is _____ (good) than last year.
- 8) This is _____ (bad) exam we've had this year.
- 9) This test is _____ (difficult) than I expected.
- 10) He is _____ (hard-working) person on the team.
- 11) My new laptop is _____ (fast) than my old one.
- 12) This was _____ (easy) task in the lesson.
- 13) This book is _____ (boring) than the last one.
- 14) This is _____ (interesting) topic in the course.
- 15) My city is _____ (safe) than before.

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form (comparative or superlative + modifier when possible)

This chair is _____ (comfortable) than the old one.

She is _____ (creative) person on the team.

My phone battery lasts _____ (long) than before.

That was _____ (funny) moment of the class.

This exercise is _____ (challenging) than the previous one.

He speaks English _____ (confident) than last year.

This neighborhood is _____ (quiet) than the city center.

That is _____ (useful) app I've downloaded.

Today's homework is _____ (easy) than I expected.

This was _____ (bad) experience of the trip.

2. Choose the correct option

- a) This task is a bit easier than the last one.
 - b) This task is a bit easiest than the last one.
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- a) My house is nowhere near as big than yours.
 - b) My house is nowhere near as big as yours.
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- a) She is far more confident than she was before.
 - b) She is far most confident than she was before.
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- a) This movie is almost as interesting than the book.
 - b) This movie is almost as interesting as the book.
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- a) He is by far the most reliable worker here.
 - b) He is by far the more reliable worker here.
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- a) This test was slightly harder than expected.
 - b) This test was slightly hardest than expected.
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- a) That café is as popular than the one downtown.
 - b) That café is as popular as the one downtown.
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- a) Her explanation was much clearer than mine.
 - b) Her explanation was much clearest than mine.