



Learn English Through Stories.

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EBAY

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2. Complete by changing the form of the word in capitals when this is necessary.

1. I've made my(DECIDE). I'm going to buy the blue one.
2. This dress is wonderful - but it's a little too..... (EXPENSE) for me.
3. I've broken my new CD player and now it's.....(USE)!
4. In the past, rich people often had.....(SERVE) to do everything for them.
5. We offer top quality products at.....(AFFORD) prices!
6. The advert was(TRUE), so I complained to the manager.
7. Please be careful with that painting – it's extremely.....(VALUE).
8. When you.....(COMPARE) our prices with other shops, we're the cheapest!

3. Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words.

1. Could you lend some money to me until the weekend? **from**
Could I..... you until the weekend?
2. I can't decide which shoes I like most, the blue ones or the green ones.
choose
I can't..... the blue shoes and the green shoes.
3. Why don't you return the sweater to the shop you got it from? **back**
Why don't you..... to the shop you got it from?
4. It can be very worrying when you owe money to the bank. **debt**
It can be very worrying when you..... to the bank.

5. We need to go quickly or the shops will be closed. **up**

We need to..... or the shops will be closed.

6. I paid for the CD using notes and coins and then left the shop. **cash**

I paid for the CD.....and then left the shop.

7. I don't agree with your opinion of the new shopping centre. **wrong**

I think you..... the new shopping centre.

8. Do they rent cars here? **rent**

Do they have..... here?

4. Choose the correct answer.

1. I heard there's..... new sports shop in town. Let's see what they have.

A: a B: the C: an D: one

2. I don't have.....money, so I'll have to wait to get a new coat.

A: a piece of B: a few C: much D: many

3. It's going to be very expensive to send a person to.....

A: a Mars B: one Mars C: the Mars D: Mars

4. I don't know much about computers, so I asked the assistant for.....advice.

A: a lot B: many C: a few D: a little

5. In my experience,.....are very friendly.

A: Chinese B: a Chinese C: the Chinese D: this Chinese

6. Dad has to go to.....early tomorrow to meet an important customer.

A: work B: the work C: a work D: that work

7. Which is more important - money or?

A: environment B: the environment C: an environment D: one environment

8. Apparently, it's the largest computer store in.....

A: an Europe B: a Europe C: the Europe D: Europe

5. Choose the correct answer.

1. Let me just add..... what I'm buying to see if I've got enough money.

A: on B: up C: over D: in

2. Bob..... a lot of money in his brother's business and made a profit.

A: spent B: invested C: saved D: owed

3. I'm saving all my pocket money..... to buy a new PlayStation.

A: out B: down C: up D: away

4. The old man took the book.....from the shelf and looked at the price.

A: up B: down C: out D: back

5. I couldn't sell my old magazines, so I gave them.....

A: over B: off C: up D: away

6. I gave the waiter a €50 note and waited for my.....

A: change B: supply C: cash B: supply

7. *Home Lovers* have got lots of..... in their sale this year.

A: debts B: fortunes C: bargains D: fees

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