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Prices

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Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.

Doing the online activities, discussion, survey and writing will help.

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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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One topic that never goes away is prices. It's not surprising really. Prices affect us all. The news recently has been about rising prices. But then I suppose that's always been the news. Prices have been rising a lot though. Especially food. I reckon food prices have gone up 50 per cent in the last year alone. This is because of a rise in the price of oil and because of commodity prices. Everything has gone up. People also complain when some prices go down. When house prices decrease, homeowners get upset. I want to buy a house, so I'm quite happy when houses are cheaper. I would like to see hotel and airline prices come down. Then I can have a nice holiday.



LISTENING GAP FILL

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

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 **UNJUMBLE THE WORDS**

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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STUDENT PRICES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about prices in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about prices. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about prices. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. PRICES POSTER Make a poster about prices. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY PRICES LESSON: Make your own English lesson on prices. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on prices. Share your findings with the class.

