**VIII. Choose from the following words to complete the text below. Pay attention that some forms of the words must be changed:**

*profit, to print, websites, line, deceiving, to increase, to check, to order, secure (adj.), to research, to look into, to rip off, to place, reviews, lowest, simply, reputations, product, to prevent, deceptive, shipping, vendors.*

When it comes to wisely shopping for computer equipment, there are some techniques that will 1) **increase** your chance that your purchase will have the following characteristics:

* You will get a good price.
* You will get a good product.
* You will get what you expected when you 2) **order.**
* You will get the order when you expect it.
* You will not get 3) **rip off**.

**Shopping Steps**

**I.** 4) **Research** the product you want to buy. Read the 5) **reviews** at on-line magazines such as zdnet.com. Also computer gaming 6) **websites** may review sound cards and video cards. Another technique to find reviews is 7) **simply** to go to a search engine or a super search engine and search for reviews on the 8) **product** you are looking into buying. For instance go to mamma.com and search for "asus video card reviews".

**II.** Be aware of somewhat 9) **deceptive** pricing. This refers to the fact that various 10) **vendors** charge a wide variety of amounts for 11) **shipping**, even when you are buying product of similar weight and cost. This is because some vendors build some of their 12) **profit** into shipping costs. This should not 13) **prevent** you from purchasing from a particular vendor, but if you are aware of it, you will know what you are paying. This pricing policy will make the vendor show up with a 14) **deceiving** lower price on a price search engine.

**III.** Use price search engines to find the vendors with 15) **the** **lowest** price.

**IV.** Use web sites that compile customer ratings on vendors to tell what vendors have good 16) **reputations**.

**V.** When you 17) your order:

* + Be sure your order is placed using a 18) **secure** server so no one can steal your private information.
  + Always use your credit card such as Master Card or Visa. This is another 19) **line** of protection between yourself and the vendor. If you have trouble such as not receiving the product but still being billed for it, they can 20) **look into** the problem.
  + 21) **Check** shipping costs before finishing your order.

22) **Print** a copy of your order and get and print your order number.