



# ENGLISH

## Chapter 17 Session A

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
SECONDARY

**WISE SPENDING**  
Comparatives

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## SPEAKING

## Going Shopping



61 Marion and John are shopping for clothes. Listen and complete the dialogue.



Look at this blue hat, John! It's gorgeous!

It really is, but it's a more expensive the brown one.

It's b shorter, too. I like it, though.

How about this red sweater?

I think it's c nicer than the blue one and it goes well with my black pants.



## SPEAKING

## Going Shopping



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And you could try these sneakers with that outfit.

Really?

No, I think black shoes are much d **more elegant**

You're right. I'll get the red sweater, then.

Perfect choice!

## FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

### Talking about Shopping

Look at this / these... It's / They're lovely /  
gorgeous...

It's / They're more expensive / cheaper /  
nicer than...

## Speaking Task

Prepare a dialogue between you and a friend in a clothing store.

### Step 1

**Think about what clothing item(s) you want to buy. Your friend should help you with shopping ideas.**

## Step 2

**Think about how you can compare items in a store:**

*Look at this / these... It's / They're lovely / gorgeous ... No, they are not very nice.*

*It's / They're more expensive / popular / cheaper / nicer / better than ...*

*It looks good on me. / It doesn't look good on me.*

*It goes well with ...*

*I'll take it (them).*

## Step 3

**Work in pairs. Write the dialogue.**

## Step 4

**Work in pairs. Take turns practicing your dialogue.**

Personal answer





## American Teens' Spending Preferences



Just a few decades ago, the typical American family spent about 50% of its income on food and clothes. Nowadays, Americans spend only about a fifth of their budget on food and clothing. However, there is a group of Americans that spends about half of its cash on eating and clothes: teenagers.

Both middle-income and upper-income teens dedicate 60% of their spending on the 'selfie budget' (clothing, accessories, personal care, footwear and food), although upper-income teens' largest share goes to what is called the 'social budget' (food, video games, music, movies, events and books). Male teens usually spend more on social than selfie budgets, whereas female teens prefer selfie budgets.


With technology on the way, American teens are buying online, and there is a leader in e-commerce destination: Amazon, which is teens' favorite website to purchase from.

### Where Do these Kids Get the Money for All That?

Many teens get an allowance from parents, others have after-school jobs and a lot of them make money buying and selling clothes: they buy something, wear it for a while and then sell it on sites like Grailed or eBay for more than they had originally paid.

Teens mustn't forget that their teenage years can be a great practice for the adult years to come. It is important to budget responsibly and not 'burn through' all their cash. In the US, one of the suggestions is: go to a 25-cent bin at Goodwill and learn what your must-haves are from a young age.



**1**  **62** Read and listen to the information about American teens' spending preferences. Match the sentences.

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- a** Teenagers spend half of their cash on ...
  - b** Upper-income teens' largest share goes to a social budget that is ...
  - c** The leader in e-commerce for teens ...
  - d** Teens get money from various sources: ...
  - e** Teens must learn to budget responsibly ...
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- d** allowances, after-school jobs and selling their second-hand clothes on sites.
  - a** clothing and food.
  - e** and not simply spend all their cash.
  - b** food, video games, music, movies, events and books.
  - c** is Amazon.

- 2 Look at the chart below. Choose if the information provided is the same or different in your country.

American teens	teens in my country	
	the same	different
Spend 60% of their cash on their selfie budget.		
Male teens usually spend more on social than selfie budgets, whereas female teens prefer selfie budgets.		
The leader in e-commerce is Amazon.		
Many teens get an allowance from parents.		
Many teens have after-school jobs.		
Many teens make money selling second-hand clothes online.		

Personal answer

## Computer Technology

- 1 Match pictures 1-8 with the words in the box. Mark an X next to the ones that are not in the pictures.

desktop

8

flash drive

5

keyboard

x

laptop

1

memory card

4

mouse

x

printer

2

scanner

7

screen

x

speakers

6

webcam

3

1



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**2**  **63** Listen and repeat.

**3** Complete the definitions with words from activity 1.

- a** A laptop is a small computer you can carry.
- b** You click on the mouse to do things on the computer screen.
- c** A webcam is a camera which is connected to a computer.
- d** You need a printer to put computer documents or images on paper.
- e** You use a keyboard to type information into the computer.
- f** If you want to listen to sound, you need speakers.



**4** Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

Vilaflor, in Spain, is higher than Madrid. (high)

- a My cat is older than Mary's cat. (old)
- b Andy Murray is better than Rafael Nadal at playing tennis. (good)
- c These shoes are more expensive than this purse. (expensive)
- d The Bank of China in Hong Kong is taller than the other banks. (tall)

## 5 Underline the correct words.

My brother is incredibly **a tall** / **taller**. In fact he's **b tall** / **taller** than most NBA basketball players. One day I want to be **c tall** / **taller** than him – and **d good** / **better** than him at basketball, too! I have four cats. Rosie is only two weeks old. She's gray with **e big** / **bigger** green eyes. I love her. I think she's **f beautiful** / **more beautiful** than any other cat!



**6** Complete the sentences for you. Use comparative adjectives + *than*.

- a** Soccer is  basketball.
- b** Being an actor is  being a teacher.
- c** A netbook is  a mp3 player.
- d** My best friend is  me.



## **(not) as ... as**

### **7** Underline the correct words.

I'm going to eat now. I'm as / 'm not as hungry as a horse.

- a** I can't see the board, but you can. My eyes **are as** / **aren't as** good as yours.
- b** The Pyrenees **are as** / **are not** as high as the Alps.

- c Are you OK? You're very pale. You **'re as / aren't as** white as a sheet!
- d Rome isn't **as old as / as older as** Athens.
- e This exercise is simple! It **'s as / isn't as** easy as ABC.
- f The Atlantic Ocean isn't **as bigger as / as big as** the Pacific Ocean.

## 8 Rewrite the sentences using *not as ... as*.

The Eiffel Tower is higher than the London Eye. X

The London Eye is not as high as the Eiffel Tower.

a The Parthenon is older than the Colosseum. X

The Colosseum isn't as old as the Parthenon.

b Egypt is hotter than Spain. X

Spain isn't as hot as Egypt.

c Tenerife is bigger than La Gomera. X

La Gomera isn't as big as Tenerife

d Castles are more interesting than caves. 

Caves aren't as interesting as castles.

e Delhi is noisier than London. 

London isn't as noisy as Delhi.

f Norway is colder than England. 

England isn't as cold as Norway.

thank you!