



# ENGLISH

## Chapter 17 Session B

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SECONDARY

**WISE SPENDING**  
Comparatives

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- 1 Skim the text and answer. How can you get things for free on this website?

**This website lets you swap old things for new products.**



**The Big Swap Store**

How many CDs, DVDs and computer games do you have at home? Do you need them all? Do you want any newer or better things? With the Big Swap Store, you can swap your things for free. Just follow these five easy steps:

**Step 1:** Register your name and address on our website. Are you under 18 years old? Your parents also need to complete the registration form.

**Step 2:** Make a list of the things you want to swap. Include a short description of each one.

- 2 Choose the correct answer.

The text in activity 1 is **an article** **a tutorial**.

For example:

Desktop Computer. It's less than 6 months old with a lot of storage space (1TB), an 18.5-inch screen, a keyboard and a mouse.

**Step 3:** Our website automatically calculates some points for each thing on your list, for example a desktop computer = 12,500 points, some speakers = 1,000 points, a 32GB memory card = 250 points.

**Step 4:** Search our website and choose something new. There are more than 15,000 things you can choose from, including a lot of DVDs, computer games and books.

**Step 5:** Use your swap points to get products for free!

**Happy swapping!**



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Read the text and listen. Then write T for *true* or F for *false*.

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- a ☐ T First you need to give your name and address.
- b ☐ F You can't use this website if you are under 18.
- c ☐ T You need to describe the objects you want to swap.
- d ☐ F The website gives you money for your unwanted things.
- e ☐ F This website doesn't have many DVDs.

4 Would you use this swap store website?

Personal answer



## GRAMMAR 2

### *a / an, some, any*

- 1 Look at the sentences in the chart below and complete the rules.

#### countable nouns

The desktop computer has **a** keyboard and **a** mouse. It also has **an** 18.5 inch screen.

Computer games have **some** interesting features.

Tablets don't have **any** physical keyboards.

Does a laptop have **any** internal speakers?

### uncountable nouns

My card doesn't have **any** memory.

Does your card have **any** memory?

I have **some** time to go to the store but I don't have **any** money for a new cell phone.

- a** We use a and an with singular countable nouns.
- b** We use some in affirmative sentences with uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.
- c** We use any in negative sentences and questions.



- 2** Complete the sentences with *a / an, some* or *any*.

## Computer for sale

8GB memory.

17-inch screen.

Includes mouse and webcam.

Flash drives not included.

- a** I have an old computer and some computer games.
- b** It has a 17-inch screen.
- c** It also has a webcam and an optical mouse.

- d** It also has a printer but it doesn't have any ink.
- e** You can buy -/some ink in most computer stores.
- f** Do you have any old things?

## *much, many, a lot of*

- 3** Look at the sentences in the chart and then complete the rules.

### countable nouns

The website shows **a lot of** DVDs, but it doesn't offer **many** computers.

How **many** flash drives do you need?

### uncountable nouns

That new laptop has **a lot of** internal memory!  
The cell phone manual doesn't provide **much** information.

How **much** information about flash drives do you need?

How much      How many      many  
                 much      a lot of (2x)

- a For countable nouns:
  - 1 Use How many in questions.
  - 2 Use a lot of in affirmative sentences.
  - 3 Use many in negative sentences.
- b For uncountable nouns:
  - 1 Use How much in questions.
  - 2 Use a lot of in affirmative sentences.
  - 3 Use much in negative sentences.

**4** Complete the dialogue with *a / an, some, any, much, many* or *a lot of*.

**Liz:** Hello. I'm calling about the laptop.  
How **a** much memory does it have?

**Boy:** It doesn't have **b** much memory, but  
you can buy **c** a new memory  
card.

**Liz:** Does it have **d** a webcam?

**Boy:** Yes, it does. I also have **e** a new  
mouse – you can have it for free!

**Liz:** Does it have **f** a big screen?

**Boy:** Yes, it has **g** an 18-inch screen.

Liz: Do you have **h** a flash drive?

Boy: Yes, I have **i** a lot of flash drives,  
probably about ten!

Liz: Do you have **j** any old computer  
games?

Boy: How **k** many games would you like?

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Listen and check.

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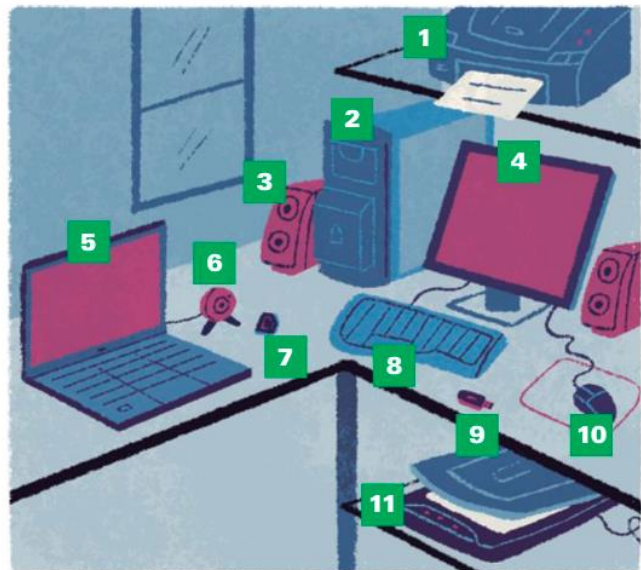


**INTERFACE** Work in pairs. Practice the dialogue in activity 4.

Personal answer

## Computer Technology

- 1 Complete the words with the vowels.  
Then match them with the picture.



- 4 scr\_e\_e\_n  
a 5 l\_a\_pt\_o\_p  
b 9 fl\_a\_sh d\_r\_i\_v\_e  
c 7 m\_e\_m\_o\_r\_y c\_a\_r\_d  
d 1 pr\_i\_nt\_e\_r  
e 2 d\_e\_skt\_o\_p  
f 6 w\_e\_bc\_a\_m  
g 10 m\_o\_u\_s\_e  
h 3 sp\_e\_a\_k\_e\_rs  
i 8 k\_e\_yb\_o\_a\_r\_d  
j 11 sc\_a\_nn\_e\_r



**2** Read the sentences and write the words.

You use this to click on something. mouse

**a** This can put images onto paper. printer

**b** You use this to type on a computer. keyboard

**c** You use these to listen to music or sound.  
speakers

**d** This is a small computer that you can use  
anywhere. laptop

**e** You can use this to send live images to  
your friends when you're on the computer.  
webcam

**f** You can use this to put paper documents or  
pictures into your computer. scanner

- 3 Complete the phone messages with words in activity 1.

## Homework

a

Hi. Video-chat at 8:00pm?  
Connect your \_\_\_\_\_  
so I can see you!

b

My computer's broken! Bring  
your \_\_\_\_\_  
and we can do our homework  
together.

c

I need to copy a magazine  
picture picture for my  
project. Can I use your  
\_\_\_\_\_?

d

Can you lend me your  
\_\_\_\_\_ to save  
my homework and take it to  
school? Thanks.

e

Mom has the laptop. Can I use  
the \_\_\_\_\_ in  
the living room, please?

**4** Answer the questions for you. Write full sentences.

**a** What is your favorite piece of technology?

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**b** Which websites do you use?

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**c** What do you use a computer for?

Personal answer

**d** What technology does your school have?

Personal answer

