

Vocabulary

Advantages:

The advantage of this is that you can ...

A big advantage is that it's possible to ...

The main advantage is that it's easy to ...

The good thing about this is that it's simple to ...

Disadvantages

The disadvantage of this is that you can't ...

A big disadvantage is that it's not possible to ...

The main disadvantage is that it's difficult to ...

A slight disadvantage is that you can't always ...

The problem/trouble with this is that it costs a lot to ...

Listening 9.2

Audio link: <https://www.inlingua.com/audios>

9.2 Listening (Track 33-34)



Part A You are going to hear eight people making comments about shopping online. As you listen, decide if their comments are positive or negative. Mark the boxes.

1 ☐ P ☐ N

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7 ☐ P ☐ N

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4 ☐ P ☐ N

6 ☐ P ☐ N

8 ☐ P ☐ N



Part B You are going to hear the comments again. This time, the people use phrases at the start of their sentences to signal if their comments are positive or negative. As you listen, complete the phrases you hear.



1 "An _____ of shopping online is that ..."

2 "A _____ of buying on the Internet is that ..."

3 "The _____ of shopping on the web is that ..."

4 "The _____ about online shopping is that ..."

5 "A _____ of Internet shopping is that ..."


6 "A _____ with buying things on the Internet is that ..."

7 "The _____ with shopping online is that ..."

8 "A _____ of shopping on the web is that ..."

Practice Exercise 1

Rewrite the sentences about advantages and disadvantages. Use the beginnings of the sentences given and other words.

- 1 This product is so easy to use.
The advantage of this _____.
- 2 This product is really expensive. 
The main | _____.
- 3 This product uses a lot of electricity.
The trouble _____.
- 4 This product is very safe.
The good thing _____.
- 5 This product is totally reliable.
A big _____.

Practice Exercise 2

2 friends Manish and Priyanka are discussing the merits and demerits of studying abroad. Complete their conversation with words from the vocabulary learnt in class.

Manish: Priyanka, have you ever thought about studying abroad?

Priyanka: Yes, I have. (1) _____ this is that it's easy to experience different cultures and meet new people.

Manish: Absolutely! I think the (2)) _____ this is that you can gain a global perspective and improve your language skills.

Priyanka: That's true. (3) _____ is that it's possible to access better educational facilities and resources.

Manish: Yes, that's a valid point. (4) _____ this is that it's simple to expand your professional network.

Priyanka: However, there are some disadvantages too. (5) _____ this is that you can't see your family and friends as often.

Manish: I agree. (6) _____ is that it's not possible to avoid feeling homesick.

Priyanka: Hmm, that sure is a pain point. (7) _____ studying abroad is that it's difficult to adjust to a new environment and different educational systems.

Manish: Yes, I think so too. (8) _____ this is that you can't always find the same comfort foods or familiar surroundings.

Priyanka: And (9) _____ this is that it costs a lot to live and study abroad.

Manish: Yes, cost is indeed a major factor. (10) _____ this is that you might face language barriers and cultural differences.

Priyanka: True. Despite the challenges, I think (11) _____ studying abroad might outweigh the disadvantages for those who are prepared for it.

ANSWERS

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Part B You are going to hear the comments again. This time, the people use phrases at the start of their sentences to signal if their comments are positive or negative. As you listen, complete the phrases you hear.



- 1 "An **Advantage** of shopping online is that ..."
- 2 "A **Disadvantage** of buying on the Internet is that ..."
- 3 "The **Main Advantage** of shopping on the web is that ..."
- 4 "The **good Thing** about online shopping is that ..."
- 5 "A **big Disadvantage** of Internet shopping is that ..."
- 6 "A **Problem** with buying things on the Internet is that ..."
- 7 "The **Trouble** with shopping online is that ..."
- 8 "A **Slight Disadvantage** of shopping on the web is that ..."

Practice Exercise 1

1. The advantage of this is that it's so easy to use.
2. The main disadvantage is that it is really expensive.
3. The trouble is that it uses a lot of electricity.
4. The good thing about this is that it's very safe.
5. A big advantage is that the product is totally reliable.

Practice Exercise 2

Possible answers

1. The main benefit/ advantage of
2. The advantage/ benefit of
3. A big advantage/ benefit
4. The good thing about
5. The disadvantage of/ trouble/problem with
6. A big disadvantage
7. The main drawback of
8. A slight disadvantage of, problem with
9. The problem/ trouble with
10. The trouble/ problem with
11. The main benefit/ advantage of