


### 3 Role play – buying a computer

 Work in pairs. One of you wants to buy a computer, the other is the shop assistant. Use the prompts and product descriptions below to role play the conversation.

#### Shop assistant

Greet the customer and offer help.

Show the customer two possible models.

Give technical specs (describe the processor, RAM and storage capacity). Compare the two different models.

Give the information required. Compare the two models.

Answer, and mention any final details that might persuade the customer to buy the computer.

#### Customer

Explain what you are looking for.

Ask for some technical specs.

Ask about any further technical specs (DVD drive, monitor, communications, etc.).

Ask the price.

Decide which computer to buy or leave the shop.

#### Toshiba Satellite laptop

2.0GHz Core 2 Duo processor  
2GB RAM expandable to 4GB  
160GB hard drive  
Super Multi drive (double layer)  
15.4" wide XGA display  
Wireless LAN, Wi-Fi compliance  
**£1,099**

#### Dell desktop PC


AMD Athlon at 2.4GHz  
1GB RAM expandable to 4GB  
320GB hard drive  
DVD+/-RW drive  
17" LCD monitor  
**£680**

#### Palm TX handheld

Intel 312MHz ARM-based processor  
128 MB Flash memory (non-volatile)  
Support for memory cards  
320x480 TFT touch screen  
Wi-Fi and Bluetooth  
Lithium-ion battery

**£216**

### 4 Choosing the right computer

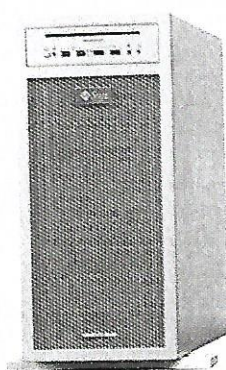
 Listen to four people talking about their computer needs and take notes. In pairs, read the descriptions from the computer shop website and choose the most suitable computer for each person. Give reasons for your choices.

Speaker 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 4 \_\_\_\_\_



#### Sun workstation

Two AMD Opteron processors at 3.0GHz  
4GB RAM; 32GB maximum  
1 terabyte hard drive and dual DVD drive  
19" Sun TFT flat-panel LCD  
Supports several graphics formats  
Allows you to handle your toughest technical, scientific, and business-critical applications  
Supports Solaris, Windows and Linux  
**£3,249**