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HELP?

Nick has gone to his local computer shop to buy a new laptop. Complete his conversation with the sales assistant by typing in words from the box.

running	storage	lighter	feature	any	bigger
for	got	specs	more	cost	cheaper
					both

Sales assistant: Hi there. Do you need (1) help or are you just looking?

Nick: Actually, yes, you might be able to help. I'm looking (2) a new laptop. Have you (3) any that are really reliable? I've had loads of problems with the one I've got at the moment.

Sales assistant: OK. Well, it'll depend on your budget, but we've got two with 20% off at the moment – the Acer Aspire 4920 and the Samsung R60.

Nick: Right. And what's the difference between these two? Do they have similar (4) ?

Sales assistant: Well, the Samsung's more of an entry-level model. It's got a Pentium Dual Core processor (5) at 1.4Ghz, which is fast enough for most applications, although you might struggle if you want to play really advanced games on it. The Acer's processor runs at 2Ghz, which is really fast. The Acer also has twice as much RAM as the Samsung – that's 2GB as opposed to just 1.

Nick: OK and what's the (6) capacity of each model?

Sales assistant: OK, that's 80GB for the Samsung and 250GB for the Acer.

Nick: Mmm. That's quite a difference, isn't it? Is there anything else I should know about?

Sales assistant: Well, they (7) come fully wireless and Bluetooth-enabled, and Windows Vista is now standard on all the laptops we sell. They also both (8) DVD writers, so backup onto DVD is quick and easy. The Acer has a slightly (9) screen, and it's (10) , which would make it more practical if you plan to travel with it.

Nick: OK and how much do they (11) ?

Sales assistant: Let me just have a look. The Samsung's quite a bit (12) than the Acer – it's £439.97 compared to £769.97. But the Acer is much (13) powerful – it's got twice the RAM and a faster processor.

Nick: Yeah, but I just can't afford that much. I think I'll take the Samsung.



Now listen to the dialogue.

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Which categories do these sentences from Exercise 1 fit into? Choose from the drop-down menu.

- Do they have similar specs?
- It has a Pentium Dual Core processor running at 1.4Ghz.
- The Acer also has twice as much RAM as the Samsung.
- And what's the storage capacity of each model?
- The Acer has a slightly bigger screen, and it's lighter.
- The Samsung is quite a bit cheaper than the Acer.
- The Acer's processor runs at 2Ghz.
- The Acer is much more powerful.