

Practice

1. Complete the sentences by putting a preposition into each gap.

- Can I pay cheque?
- Who do I make this cheque payable?
- You can pay instalments only 1% interest.
- This watch normally retails £600, but I got it for only £250.
- I was travelling for six months and was a strict budget of £20 a day.
- I put a deposit a new car.
- Her house has been valued £600,000.
- Property in this area is bound to appreciate value.
- He knocked £10 the price, so instead of £50 it cost me £40.
- I'm a bit strapped cash at the moment, so I'm afraid I won't be able to join you on the trip.
- With all the bills I've had to pay this month, I'm a bit hard at the moment.
- The Finex PC150 is the cheapest computer the market.
- I can't afford to do anything. I'm to my ears debt.
- The government intends to introduce a new tax books.
- We knew that at a later date we would be able to sell the cottage a profit.
- If you're so short money, how come you can afford to eat out every night?
- A house like that would cost you the neighbourhood £250,000.
- Who would you like me to make the cheque?

2. For questions 1 to 11, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using 3 to 8 words. You must include the word given in bold, which cannot be changed in any way.

- We will have to pay a lot of money to repair this.
fortune It will this repaired.
- She suggested sharing the cost of the meal.
halves She suggested that the bill.
- She put her house up for sale over a year ago and she is still waiting for someone to buy it.
market Her house over a year.

- The only calls we've made have been local ones, so our bill can't possibly come to this much.

run We can't
..... when we've only made local calls.

- A car like that will cost you approximately £50,000.

region A car like that
..... £50,000.

- Without a loan from the bank, we would have gone bankrupt.

borrowed Had
....., we would have gone bankrupt.

- This outfit was on special offer in the High St.

sale I bought this outfit in the High St.

- I spent a small fortune on this.

charged I this.

- There is nothing to suggest that house prices will come down.

sign There's no
..... house prices.

- He is very well-paid. His annual income is £68,000.

salary He is very well-paid; he's
..... £68,000 p.a.

- Always check the rate of interest when you ask a finance house for a loan.

lend Always check the rate of interest
..... you money.

3. Use the prompts to act out dialogues.

- A: pay/cash/credit card/
madam?
B: cheque/if all right
A: certainly madam/cheque
payable/ Wright Bros Ltd



- A: like/buy/new video
recorder/but/bit/strapped/
cash/moment
B: why not buy/instalments?
A: good idea!/not as if/up/ears/debt/just a
bit/ hard



- A: Victorian ring/value/ region/£3,000
B: antique jewellery always/
appreciate/cost
A: yes, it/be good investment/and
you/sell/it/profit

