

# **Consumer Smarts**

#### GOALS

- Identify places to purchase goods and services
- Interpret advertisements
- > Compare products
- Identify and compare purchasing methods
- Make a smart purchase



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# Shopping for goods and services



## GOAL > Identify places to purchase goods and services

What kind of stores or businesses are these? What goods or services can you purchase here?





Look at the places below. Which of them sell goods? Which of them provide services?

laundromat	gas station	pharmacy	hotel
jewelry store	bank	post office	department store
grocery store	car wash	tailors	office supply store
drugstore	dry cleaners	hardware store	hair salon

Unit 2 Lesson 1

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#### LESSON

# GOAL > Identify places to purchase goods and services

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Fill in the chart using the places from Exercise B. Then, add two places of your own to each list.

Sells goods	Provides services	Both
grocery store	laundromat	post office



Where can you purchase each of the following items? Write the places. Some items may have more than one answer.

Item	Place
1. medicine	pharmacy
2. a table	
3. a notebook	
4. a bracelet	
5. boots	
6. a refrigerator	
7. bread	
8. motor oil	
9. a shirt	
10. stamps	

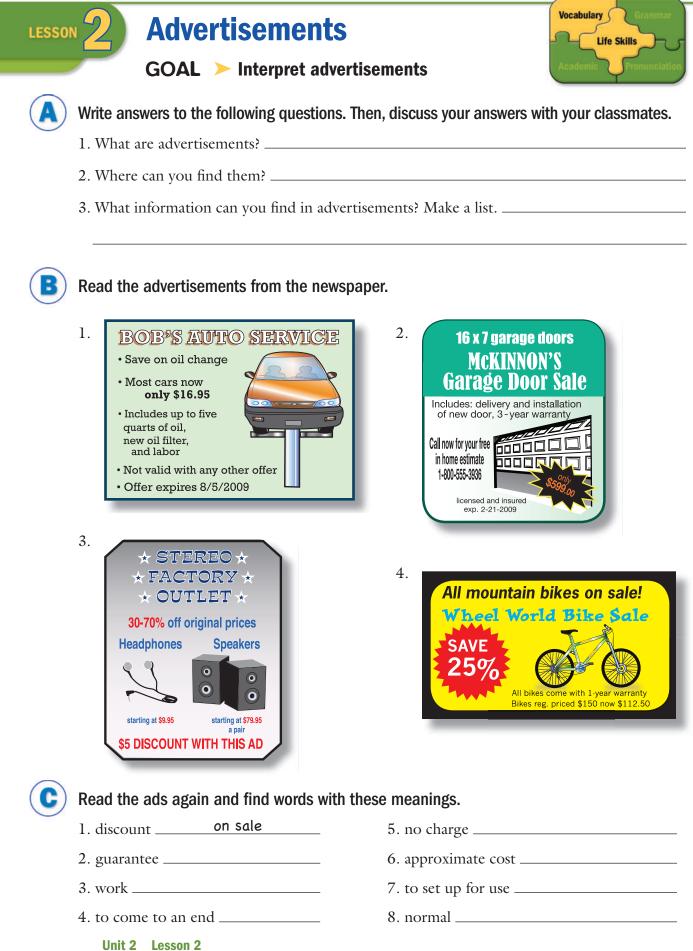


We use the expression *to get something done* when we talk about services we receive. Study the chart with your teacher.

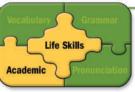
to get something done						
Subject         get         Object         Past participle         Example sentence						
I	get	my hair	cut	I get my hair cut every month. (present)		
she	she got her clothes cleaned She got her clothes cleaned yesterday. (past)					
For a list o	For a list of past participles, see p. 163 in the back of this book.					

	ou receive the following may have more than o	g services? Write the places on the lines. one answer.
EXAMPLE:	get your clothes cleaned	dry cleaners
1. get your h	air cut	4. get your car washed
2. get your c	hecks cashed	5. get your car fixed
3. get your p	ants hemmed	6. get your clothes washed
Answer the f	ollowing questions with	h complete sentences.
EXAMPLE:	Where do you get your	clothes cleaned?
	<u>I get my clothes clean</u>	ed at the dry cleaners.
1. Where do	you get your hair cut?	
2. Where did	you get your prescriptio	on filled?
3. Where do	you get your packages n	nailed?
4. Where did	you get your keys made	e?
5. Where did	you get your gas tank fi	illed up?
6. Where do	you get your clothes wa	ushed?

Active Task. Go to a mall and look at the directory. What different stores and businesses does it have? Make a list to share with your class.



## GOAL > Interpret advertisements



<b>D</b> Read the ads again and bub	ble in the circle next to the	e correct answer.				
1. What does the oil change	NOT include?					
$\bigcirc$ oil	$\bigcirc$ oil filter	$\bigcirc$ windshield-wiper fluid				
2. When does the offer expi	re for the oil change?					
○ May 8, 2009	○ August 8, 2009	○ August 5, 2009				
3. When does the garage do	or offer end?					
○ February 21, 2009	○ December 2, 2009	$\bigcirc$ February 2, 2009				
4. What does the garage doe	or purchase NOT include?					
$\bigcirc$ new door installation	$\bigcirc$ removal of old door	$\bigcirc$ three-year warranty				
5. How do you get an in-ho	me estimate for a new gara	ge door?				
$\bigcirc$ call	$\bigcirc$ go to the company	$\bigcirc$ write a letter				
6. What is for sale at the ster	reo factory outlet?					
$\bigcirc$ stereo speakers	$\bigcirc$ headphones	$\bigcirc$ stereo speakers and headphones				
7. What is the discount at the	ne outlet?					
○ \$9.95	$\bigcirc$ 30-70 percent	○ \$79.95				
8. What is the regular price	of the bikes?					
$\bigcirc$ \$150.00	○ \$112.99	○ \$250.00				
9. How much are the bikes	discounted?					
○ \$25	$\bigcirc$ 25%	○ \$37.00				
10. Which item(s) come with	10. Which item(s) come with a warranty?					
$\bigcirc$ garage doors	$\bigcirc$ bicycles	$\bigcirc$ garage doors and bicycles				



Which ad do you like the best?

Why?\_\_\_\_\_



## GOAL > Interpret advertisements



Read the two ads and complete the table below.





Cleaning Services				
Company				
Phone Number				
Product or Service				
Price				
Discounts				
Other Information				

Which cleaning service would you choose?

Why?\_\_\_\_\_

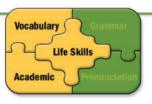
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In groups, choose a product or service and create an advertisement for it. Include the name of your company, the name of your product, a small picture or illustration, and details of prices and discounts.

Active Task. Find some newspaper advertisements and bring them to class. What special offers can you find?

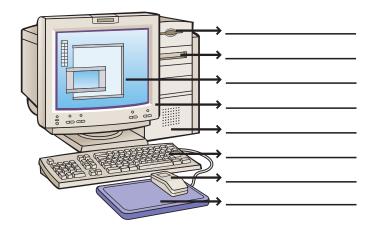


## **Making Comparisons**





Think about the different parts of a computer. What do you use them for? Use the words from the box to label the picture.



monitor	CD-ROM drive
mouse	keyboard
screen	CPU
mousepad	hard drive



#### What should you look for when you buy a computer?

Speed: Is the computer fast or slow?
Monitor: Is the screen large or small?
Memory: How much memory does the computer have?
Price: Is the computer expensive or cheap?
Hard Drive: Is the hard drive big or small?

GHz = gigahertz
1,000 MHz = 1 GHz
MB = megabytes
GB = gigabytes
1,000 MB = 1 GB
15" = 15 inches



## Study the information about five different computers. Use the adjectives above to talk about them.

EXAMPLE: The JCN computer has a large monitor.

	JCN	Doshiba	Vintel	Shepland	Kontaq
Price	\$1,371	\$1,549	\$794	\$1,168	\$419
Speed	3.1 GHz	3.2 GHz	2.66 GHz	3.0 GHz	2.4 GHz
Monitor Size	20"	20"	22"	17"	17"
Memory	2 GB	3 GB	512 MB	1 GB	256 MB
Hard Drive	160 GB	250 GB	80 GB	160 GB	80 GB

## LESSON

## GOAL > Compare products



Study the chart with your classmates and teacher.

Comparatives				
	Adjective Comparative Rule Example sentence			Example sentence
Short	cheap cheaper		Add - <i>er</i> to the end	Your computer was cheaper
adjectives	oncup	oncaper	of the adjective.	than my computer.
Long	ovnonoivo	more	Add more before	The new computer was more
adjectives	expensive	expensive	the adjective.	expensive than the old one.
Irregular	good	better	These adjectives	The computer at school is better
adjectives	bad	worse	are irregular.	than this one.
Remember to use than after a comparative adjective followed by a noun.				

) Use the rules above to make	Spelling	
1. slowslower	5. heavy	hot → hotter
2. small	6. fast	easy <b>→ easier</b>
3. wide	7. beautiful	large → larger
4. big	8. interesting	pretty> prettier



Make comparative sentences about the computers on page 27.

EXAMPLE: The Kontaq / slow / the Vintel \_\_\_\_\_ The Kontaq is slower than the Vintel.

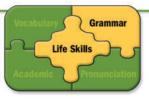
- 1. The JCN monitor / wide / the Shepland monitor
- 2. The Doshiba / fast / the Vintel
- 3. The JCN's hard drive / big / the Kontaq

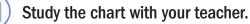


Talk to your partner. Which computer from page 27 would you buy? Using comparatives, give three reasons for your choice.









Superlatives				
	Adjective	Superlative	Rule	Example sentence
Short adjectives	cheap	the cheapest	Add -est to the end of the adjective.	Your computer is the cheapest.
Long adjectives	expensive	the most expensive	Add <i>most</i> before the adjective.	He bought <i>the most</i> expensive computer in the store.
Irregular adjectives	good bad	best worst	These adjectives are irregular.	The computers at school are the best.
Always use the before a superlative.				

Use the rules above to make s	Spelling	
1. slow the slowest	5. heavy	hot → the hottest
2. small	6. fast	easy → the easiest
3. wide	7. beautiful	large
4. big	8. interesting	pretty

) Make superlative sentences about the computers on page 27.

EXAMPLE: wide	The Vintel computer has the widest screen.
1. expensive	
2. cheap	
3. slow	
4. large memory	
5. small memory	

Write six questions about the computers on page 27, using comparatives and superlatives. Walk around the room and ask your classmates to answer your questions.

EXAMPLE: Which computer has the biggest monitor? Which computer is faster, the JCN or the Doshiba?



## **Cash or charge?**

Vocabulary Grammar Life Skills Academic Pronunciation

GOAL > Identify and compare purchasing methods



Terron uses four different ways to make purchases. What are they?



B) Write the correct word next to its description. You will use some of the items two times.



1. This is a written request to your bank asking them to pay money out of your account.

- 2. This allows you to borrow money to make purchases.
- 3. Coins and bills are this.
- This allows a store to take money directly from your account to pay for purchases.
- 5. This allows you to buy now and pay later.
- 6. You can get cash out of the ATM with this.



# GOAL > Identify and compare purchasing methods



In groups, talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each purchasing method. Complete the chart below.

EXAMPLE: *Student A:* Cash is good because it is quick and easy. *Student B:* Yes, but if you lose cash, you cannot replace it.

	Cash	Debit card	Personal check	Credit card
Advantages	quick and easy			
Disadvantages	can't replace			



Talk to a partner about the purchasing method you prefer and why.

Listen to Terron and his wife, Leilani, talk about purchasing methods. Make a list of the things they *have to* do and *must* do.



Have to	Must



# GOAL > Identify and compare purchasing methods

Vocabu	lary Grammar
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Academ	nic Pronunciation



We use *must* and *have to* when something is necessary. *Must* is a little stronger than *have to*. Study the chart below with your teacher.

Must vs. Have to			
Subject	Modal	Base verb	
We	have to	save	money for vacation.
I	must	pay off	my credit card every month.



Complete each statement with *must* or *have to* and a verb from the box.

(	check	keep	put	make	pay

EXAMPLE: You <u>must pay</u> your bills if you want a good credit history.

1. You \_\_\_\_\_\_ your cash in a safe place.

2. You \_\_\_\_\_\_ track of the personal checks you write.

3. You \_\_\_\_\_\_ the minimum amount on your credit card every month.

4. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sure you have enough money in the bank

when you write a personal check.

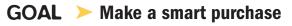
5. You \_\_\_\_\_\_ your balance before you get cash out of

an ATM machine.

Choose one purchasing method and write a paragraph on why you think it is better than all the rest. Use comparative and superlative adjectives.

## LESSON

## Think before you buy





Read about making smart purchases.

#### Making a Smart Purchase

You make a smart purchase when you think and plan before you buy something. First of all, you make a decision to buy something. This is the easy part. The second step is comparison shopping. You comparison shop by reading advertisements, going to different stores, and talking to friends and family. Third, you choose which product you are going to buy. Do you have enough money to buy this product? If you don't, the next step is to start saving. This may take a while depending on how much you need to save. Once you have enough money, you are ready to make your purchase. If you follow these steps to make a purchase, you will be a smart consumer. And smart consumers make smart purchases!



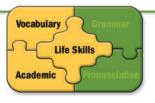
Put the steps in order from 1 to 5 according to the paragraph above.

- \_\_\_\_\_ make the purchase
- \_\_\_\_\_ read advertisements
- \_\_\_\_\_ choose the best deal
- \_\_\_\_\_ save money

#### Rewrite the steps in Exercise B after the words below.

First,	decide to buy something.
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Second,	
Next,	
Then,	
-	
Finally,	

### GOAL >> Make a smart purchase



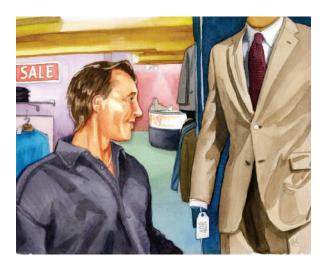
Sequencing transitions are used to describe stages of a process. Study the examples in the box.

First,	First of all,	Second,	Second of all,	Third,
Fourth,	Next,	Then,	Lastly,	Finally,



#### Put the steps in the correct order.

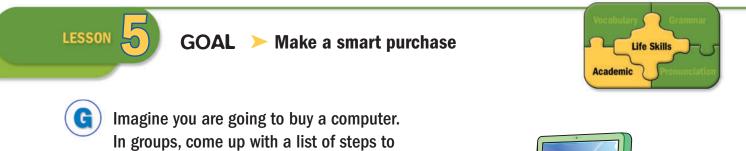
- \_\_\_\_ You decide to buy it.
- \_\_\_\_ You find out the price.
- You see something in a store you want to buy.
- \_\_\_\_ You decide to charge it.
- You think about if you have enough money to pay for it or not.
- \_\_\_\_\_You pay for it.
- You think about if you want to pay cash or put it on your credit card.



You

We use *you* to talk about people in general.

Add sequencing transitions to the steps above to write a paragraph about making a purchase.



make a smart purchase.



Steps to Buying Our Computer
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8



Write a paragraph about buying your computer. Use sequencing transitions.

# Review



Where can you purchase the following goods or services? Write the places below. (Lesson 1)

Goods/Services	Place	Goods/Services	Place
1. shampoo		6. a washing machine	
2. soccer ball		7. fruit	
3. hammer		8. a tune-up	
4. stamps		9. clothes cleaned	
5. prescription refill		10. shoes	

Write the present tense form of *get* and the past participle of the verb in parentheses. (Lesson 1)

- 1. He <u>gets</u> his car <u>washed</u> at the local car wash. (wash)
- 2. She \_\_\_\_\_\_ her hair \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the hair salon. (cut)
- 3. He \_\_\_\_\_ his car \_\_\_\_\_ at the automotive shop. (clean)
- 4. They \_\_\_\_\_\_ their clothes \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the dry cleaners. (clean)
- 5. I \_\_\_\_\_ my checks \_\_\_\_\_ at the bank. (cash)

Read the ads and answer the questions below. (Lesson 2)





1. Are these ads advertising the same thing? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the price of the car at Hill's? \_\_\_\_\_ At Albilene? \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Which car is cheaper? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. What is good about the offer from Hill's?\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is good about the offer from Albilene?\_\_\_\_\_

6. Which dealership would you buy from? \_\_\_\_\_

Why?\_\_

Unit 2 Review



Complete the following statements with a comparative or a superlative adjective. (Lesson 3)

- 1. My new watch was <u>cheaper than</u> my old watch. (cheap)
- 2. This computer is \_\_\_\_\_\_ one in the store. (fast)
- 3. That mirror is \_\_\_\_\_\_ the one we have now. (tall)
- 4. This box is much \_\_\_\_\_\_ that one. What's in it? (heavy)
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ paintings in the world are painted by that artist. (beautiful)
- 6. Do you think that the book is \_\_\_\_\_\_ the movie? (interesting)
- 7. Let's go to a different store. This is \_\_\_\_\_ one. (busy)
- 8. My neighbor's house is \_\_\_\_\_ our house. (big)
- 9. Do you think this car is \_\_\_\_\_\_ the one you have? (good)
- ) Imagine that you are going to buy a new car—your dream car. Write sentences comparing your old car to your new car. (Lesson 3)

EXAMPLE: My new car is faster than my old car.



What is the best restaurant in your neighborhood? Write sentences comparing this restaurant to all the other restaurants in the neighborhood. (Lesson 3)

EXAMPLE: China Palace has the friendliest service in the neighborhood.

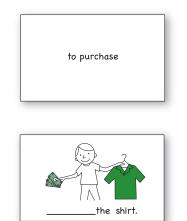
# Review

Write a sentence about each of the following purchasing methods.
Use must or have to. (Lesson 4)
EXAMPLE: cashier's check: You must be careful not to lose a cashier's check.
1. cash:
2. personal check:
3. debit card:
4. credit card:
Imagine that your friend is going to buy a new television. What steps would you tell him or her to take? Write them below. (Lesson 5)
1
2
3
4
5
Write a paragraph using the steps you wrote above. Use sequencing transitions. (Lesson 5)

## My Dictionary

#### Make flash cards to improve your vocabulary.

- 1. Choose four words from this unit.
- 2. Write each word on a 3-by-5 index card or on a piece of paper.
- 3. On the back of the card or paper, write a definition, or a sentence with the word missing, and draw a picture.
- 4. Study the words while you are traveling to school or work, or read them during breakfast. (Remember your time-management skills!) You can also ask a friend or family member to help you review.



5. Do this for each unit, and add other new words that you learn in or out of class. If you study a little each day, you will improve your vocabulary very quickly. By the end of this class, you will have a whole stack of flash cards!

## Learner Log

In this unit, you learned many things about consumer smarts. How comfortable do you feel doing each of the skills listed below? Rate your comfort level on a scale of 1 to 4.

Life Skill	Со	mfo	rt Le	evel	Page
I can identify places to purchase goods and services.	1	2	3	4	
I can interpret advertisements.	1	2	3	4	
I can compare products.	1	2	3	4	
I can identify and compare purchasing methods.	1	2	3	4	
I know how to make a smart purchase.	1	2	3	4	

If you circled 1 or 2, write down the page number where you can review this skill.

#### Reflection

1. What was the most useful skill you learned in this unit?

2. How will this help you in life?

# Team **Project**

## **Create two advertisements and a purchase plan.**

1. Form a team with four or five students. Choose positions for each member of your team.



POSITION	JOB DESCRIPTION	STUDENT NAME
Student 1: Leader	See that everyone speaks English. See that everyone participates.	
Student 2: Secretary	Write the advertisement. Take notes for the family.	
Student 3: Designer	Design advertisement layout.	
Students 4/5: Spokespeople	Plan presentations.	

#### Part 1—Advertising Team: Create Advertisements

- 1. Create two different advertisements for the same product or service. (Lesson 2)
- 2. Present your ads to the class and then post them in the classroom.

#### Part 2—Family: Create a Purchase Plan

- 1. Walk around the room and choose a product or service to buy from all the ads created by all the teams on the wall.
- 2. Compare two of the ads, writing four comparative statements about why one is better than the other. (Lessons 2–3)
- 3. Choose one product or service to buy and write a purchase plan—the steps needed to make a smart purchase. (Lessons 4–5)
- 4. Present your comparisons and purchase plan to the class.