

# Language

Put these adjectives in the correct box:

*cheap*  
*pricey*  
*expensive*

*valuable*  
*inexpensive*  
*exorbitant*

*extravagant*  
*invaluable*  
*economical*

worth/costing a lot

worth/costing a little

Cross out the wrong word in *italics* to complete these sentences:

- £2000 a night! – That's an *exorbitant/expensive* price for a hotel.
- She's so *extravagant/exorbitant*. She bought a painting that cost over £20,000!
- £18 for a CD – That's a bit *expensive/valuable*, isn't it?
- You really must get that diamond ring insured. It's very *pricey/valuable*.
- Give Jim a pay rise. We can't let him leave the company. He's *invaluable/economical*.
- £12 for an excellent bottle of wine – That's quite *invaluable/inexpensive* really.
- We had a great meal and it was so *cheap/pricey*. Only £10 per person for three courses.
- He only paid £25 for his suit! He's very *cheap/economical*.
- I was going to order a hamburger, but it was £10! I thought that was a bit *pricey/valuable*.

## Discussion

Answer these questions. Then compare your answers with a partner.

- In her will your grandmother leaves you a valuable painting of her grandmother which you have never really liked. What do you do?
  - put it in the attic, but keep it because it is part of your family history?
  - hang it in your living room to impress your friends?
  - sell it because you would like the money?
  - something else?
- You win £10,000 in a competition. What do you do?
  - spend it on a fantastic holiday for you and your partner?
  - invest it?
  - use it to start your own business?
  - something else?
- You go into your local music store to buy the latest CD by one of your favourite bands. You can buy a normal version of the CD for the usual price; or you can buy a limited edition of the CD signed by all the members of the band, for twice the normal price.
  - If you were buying a CD for yourself, would you buy the normal version or the limited edition?
  - If you were buying a birthday present for a friend, would you buy the normal version or the limited edition?
- Match the following amounts to the items below:

£28 million    £10,000    £13,500    £1,384,000    £30,000

  - A pair of pistols owned by George Washington.
  - A very rare Rolex watch.
  - A first edition of *Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone*, signed by the author.
  - A Rembrandt painting.
  - A stage costume worn by Elvis Presley.