

Cheap, Affordable or Good Value? | Precision English

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

cheap

bon marché; pas cher

DEF

Costing little money, especially compared with similar things.

It can be positive about price, but look cheap often suggests poor quality; inexpensive is more neutral for price alone.

FR

Qui coûte peu, surtout par rapport à des choses similaires.

Peut être positif pour le prix, mais look cheap suggère souvent une mauvaise qualité ; inexpensive est plus neutre pour le prix seul.

The tickets were cheap because we booked early.

The tickets were cheap because we booked early. → Les billets étaient bon marché parce que nous avons réservé tôt.

The bag looked cheap, although its price was high.

The bag looked cheap, although its price was high. → Le sac semblait de mauvaise qualité, bien que son prix soit élevé.

2

affordable

abordable

DEF

Within the amount that a person or group can reasonably pay.

Use affordable for someone; affordability depends on a budget, so it is not identical to a low price.

FR

Dans les moyens financiers raisonnables d'une personne ou d'un groupe.

Utilise affordable for someone ; cela dépend du budget et ne signifie pas simplement un prix bas.

We need a coat that is affordable for our family.

We need a coat that is affordable for our family. → Il nous faut un manteau abordable pour notre famille.

The course became affordable for me when I received a discount.

The course became affordable for me when I received a discount. → Le cours est devenu abordable pour moi grâce à une réduction.



3

good value for money*un bon rapport qualité-prix***DEF**

Worth the amount paid because of the quality, usefulness or quantity received.

It compares what you get with what you pay; something can be good value but still exceed your budget.

FR

Qui vaut le montant payé grâce à sa qualité, son utilité ou la quantité reçue.

Compare ce que l'on obtient et ce que l'on paie ; un bon rapport qualité-prix peut malgré tout dépasser ton budget.

The warm, well-made coat was good value for money.

The warm, well-made coat was good value for money. → Le manteau chaud et bien fabriqué offrait un bon rapport qualité-prix.

The ticket included a performance and a workshop, so it was good value for money.

The ticket included a performance and a workshop, so it was good value for money. → Le billet comprenait un spectacle et un atelier, ce qui représentait un bon rapport qualité-prix.

