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Women have to pay more in shops

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THE READING

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Women pay more than men in shops. The Times newspaper found that many products for women cost twice as much as those for men. Researchers looked at women's clothes and beauty products. They said they were 36 per cent more expensive than those for men. One store charged \$7 more for a pink scooter, while another charged double the price for pink razors. Women's Levi 501 jeans were 46 per cent more expensive than Levi's for men.

The Times called this "sexist" pricing. Others said it was a "gender tax". The head of the British government's women and equalities committee called it a "rip-off". The Financial Times (FT) said women could be busier and have less time to shop around, or they cared more than men about quality. However, the FT said men did pay more for some things. It said journalists did not look at price differences for things men like.

Sources: <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/money/consumeraffairs/article4668903.ece>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Women pay more than | a. at women's clothes |
| 2. products for women cost | b. razors |
| 3. Researchers looked | c. for a pink scooter |
| 4. beauty | d. than Levi's for men |
| 5. One store charged \$7 more | e. men in shops |
| 6. charged double | f. twice as much |
| 7. pink | g. the price |
| 8. 46 per cent more expensive | h. products |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Others said it was | a. for some things |
| 2. women and equalities | b. a "gender tax" |
| 3. women could be | c. like |
| 4. have less time to shop | d. busier |
| 5. they cared more than men about | e. differences |
| 6. men did pay more | f. quality |
| 7. journalists did not look at price | g. committee |
| 8. things men | h. around |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Women pay more (1) _____ shops. The Times newspaper found that many products for women (2) _____ much as those for men. Researchers looked at women's clothes and (3) _____. They said they were 36 per cent more expensive than (4) _____. One store charged \$7 more for a pink scooter, while another (5) _____ the price for pink razors. Women's Levi 501 jeans were 46 per cent more (6) _____ Levi's for men.

The Times (7) _____ pricing. Others said it was a "gender tax". The (8) _____ British government's women and equalities committee called (9) _____. The Financial Times (FT) said women could be busier and have (10) _____ around, or they cared more than (11) _____. However, the FT said men did pay more for some things. It said journalists did not look at (12) _____ for things men like.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
