

## Inflation listening: conversation gap fill

Zara: Hey Ethan! Have you noticed the 1) \_\_\_\_\_ in gas prices lately? I'm really feeling the 2) \_\_\_\_\_!

Ethan: Hmmm.. Zara you're telling me! I've had to start shopping, at discount stores, just to 3) \_\_\_\_\_. You know, 4) \_\_\_\_\_ is getting so expensive!

Zara: Oh totally! Even bananas and rice are going through the roof. I mean, it's like you have to 5) \_\_\_\_\_, as far as possible, just to keep up.

Ethan: Yeah it's crazy! I even thought about 6) \_\_\_\_\_ on Netflix, to save some money. By the way, how's your job? Any chance of a 7a) \_\_\_\_\_?

Zara: Haha, a 7b) \_\_\_\_\_?? I wish! It seems like 8) \_\_\_\_\_ is a thing of the past. But hey, at least the grocery store near me, is still somewhat 9) \_\_\_\_\_.

Ethan: That's good to hear! You know! It's not just us; everyone's trying to 10) \_\_\_\_\_ every penny. Inflation's tough! But we'll get through it.

Zara: We will Ethan. Just gotta stay positive, and keep an eye out 11) \_\_\_\_\_.

Ethan: Exactly! Speaking of which, there's a new app, that finds local deals. Might be worth a try!

Zara: Oh cool! Send me the link, and we can both 12) \_\_\_\_\_.

Ethan: Will do Zara! Anything to help us both 13) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Match the terms and expressions to their meanings.

Term/Phrase	Meaning/Synonym
1. financial pinch	a. To survive
2. make ends meet	b. Price increasing significantly
3. bread and butter stuff	c. Reduce expenses
4. going through the roof	d. Essential items or basic needs
5. stretch your income	e. Have enough money to pay the bill
6. cutting down on	f. An application
7. value for money	g. Remain optimistic
8. squeeze every penny	h. Lack of money
9. get by	i. Extend one's budget
10. stay positive	j. A good deal
11. app	k. Save or conserve as much money as possible