

Exercise 1: Sort the words into categories:

budget | discount | income | stretching | pay raise | pinch
value | economic | stores | prices increases | cost | squeeze

Money/Finance

Shopping

Body Language

Exercise 2: Fill in the gaps with appropriate words

Felicity: Hey, Charlie! Have you noticed the price (1)_____ at the grocery store?
It's really hitting my budget.

Charlie: Yeah, Felicity, I feel the same way. (2)_____ is getting
tougher. Gas prices are through the roof, too! Ugh.

Felicity: I know, right? I've been shopping more at (3)_____ lately.
It's all about (4)_____ the dollar. But even there, prices are going up.

Charlie: Tell me about it! I was talking to my boss about a (5)_____,
you know, to (6)_____ with the cost of living. It's a real economic
(7)_____ we're in.

Felicity: Absolutely. My grandma's on a fixed (8)_____, and I worry about her.
How's she supposed to deal with this?

Charlie: Ah, that's rough. We're all feeling the (9)_____, aren't we?
Maybe it's time for some serious belt-tightening.

Felicity: Yeah, budgeting's never been more important. But hey, at least we're in
this together, right?

Charlie: For sure, Felicity. We'll get through it. Anyway, want to catch a movie this
weekend? We can find something that's (10)_____!

Felicity: Haha, you read my mind, Charlie. Let's do it. It'll be a great distraction
from all this (11)_____.

Charlie: Agreed! Looking forward to it. See you then!

Exercise 3: Mark these statements True or False

1. Felicity has been shopping at discount stores more often.
2. Charlie asked his boss for a pay raise.
3. Felicity's grandmother has a high income.
4. Charlie and Felicity plan to go to an expensive restaurant.