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## PRE – ASSESSMENT



### PRE 1 – True, False, Not Given

Listen to the audio carefully and determine whether the statements provided are True, False or Not Given based on the information you hear. Mark **True** if the statement is **correct**, mark **False** if the statement is **incorrect**, and **Not Given** if the information is **not mentioned** in the audio.

	TRUE	FALSE	NOT GIVEN
1 Cosette denied selling fake bags.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Milana is a fashion stylist and owns several luxury pieces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Erin received a response from the authenticators the bag is fake.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Louise paid \$1,767.60 for a Prada bag from Cosette.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



### PRE 2 – Re-Tell

Listen to the audio carefully. After the audio ends, **re-tell what you heard in your own words**. Focus on summarizing the main ideas, supporting details, and any examples mentioned in the audio in 3-5 sentences using at least 3 vocabularies from the article.

# 01 Article Transcription Reading.

The following text below is a transcribed text from the listening article. Feel free to **mark other words** that you are **not familiar** with or are not highlighted below. Notes are available at the last page of this lesson.



00:00 The luxury designer Outlet was **accused** of selling fake Cosette sells designer handbags at discounted prices, but some customers claim they were sold **rip-offs**.

00:36 If you're looking for a bag designer, you must have the **privilege** that it comes with a **hefty** price tag, but there are ways to get discounted luxury goods. A call set in Sydney's CBD claims to sell authentic **cut-priced** couture, but some devastated customers believe the real bags they bought are actually fakes.

01:04 Erin wanted to treat herself after giving birth to her first child by being strong and making it. Though Aaron had never bought a real designer handbag before, when she found Cosette's website, the prices seemed like a **bargain**. They're selling discounted luxury items, which she knows isn't a common thing. She decided to get a Gucci handbag. She had gone back to the Gucci website and put both side by side to compare to make sure that they were **legitimate** items.

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- 01:36 The Cosette website has **authenticity** guaranteed on the front page. Aaron paid \$1,541.00 and was shocked to finally **flaunt** a real designer piece, but when her bag arrived, she had concerns. The dust bag usually thinks that was probably the main **giveaway**; it doesn't say that it was made in Italy, which she knows a lot of them do.
- 02:23 A few months ago, that **bubble burst** when her friend Milana paid \$1,767.60 for a Prada bag from Cosette. When she did receive the bag, it was very **evident**, based on my personal opinion, that it was not the real deal. Milana is a fashion stylist and owns several luxury pieces. She bought a designer bag from Cosette before and had no issue, but she felt something wasn't right. There was an order that was very **odd**. It was a factory smell, and then the main logo on the bag on the outside was **crooked**. Milana didn't bother getting the bag **re-authenticated** to find out whether her **suspicion** was correct; she just wanted a **refund**, which she received. Milana posted on social media, warning others, leading Aaron to question the **authenticity** of her Gucci.
- 04:10 Another mom, Louise, paid \$2,415 for a wire cell bag from Cosette, which arrived with a certificate of authenticity from **reputable** authenticators. Louise actually noticed that the photos on the certificate sort of looked a bit different than my actual bag. A few hours later, Louise received a response from the authenticators: the bag is fake. Louise, like the others, received a full refund but wants people to be aware of what happened to her. When they **confronted** Cosette's staff, they maintained everything was **above board**.
- 05:25 In a statement, Cosette **denied** selling fakes; all goods sold at the set price are **genuine**. Cosette **conducts** quality control and authenticates goods independently by third parties. Any claims that we sell fake bags or that these refunds imply that we have admitted that we sell fake bags are false. The national fashion editor for the Sydney Morning Herald, Melissa Singer, was **tipped off** about the **allegations**, and after a month-long investigation, the story broke. If these allegations are true, the obvious benefit to cost is that they are selling goods at a heavily **inflated** margin; they're selling bags that maybe only cost them a fraction of the price that they are selling them for. A current **affair** is not to suggest that Cosette **deliberately** sold fakes to customers. Authenticator Jane Thompson from Blue Spinach says **counterfeit** products are becoming increasingly hard to detect. 06:23

## 02 A1 – Pairing Meanings.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

<b>A</b> privilege	<b>1</b> _____	employed widely or sanctioned by good writers
<b>B</b> hefty	<b>2</b> _____	made in imitation of something else with intent to deceive
<b>C</b> couture	<b>3</b> _____	expressing or indicative of suspicion
<b>D</b> devastated	<b>4</b> _____	a right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage, or favor
<b>E</b> legitimate	<b>5</b> _____	a positive assertion especially of misconduct
<b>F</b> authenticity	<b>6</b> _____	quite heavy; marked by bigness, bulk, and usually strength
<b>G</b> flaunt	<b>7</b> _____	brought to a state of ruin or destruction
<b>H</b> suspicious	<b>8</b> _____	the business of designing, making, and selling custom-made clothing
<b>I</b> reputable	<b>9</b> _____	conforming to an original so as to reproduce essential features
<b>J</b> allegations	<b>10</b> _____	to display or obtrude oneself to public notice
<b>K</b> counterfeit	<b>11</b> _____	being exactly as intended or presented

## 02 A2 – Choosing the Right Words.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

allegation  
hefty  
devastated  
flaunt  
couture  
authenticity  
counterfeit  
legitimate  
reputable  
privilege

- The Cosette website has \_\_\_\_\_ guaranteed on the front page.
- The bag was re-authenticated to find out whether her \_\_\_\_\_ were correct; she just wanted a refund.
- Authenticator Jane Thompson from Blue Spinach says, they're \_\_\_\_\_ products.
- If you're looking for a designer bag, the \_\_\_\_\_ comes with a \_\_\_\_\_ price tag but there are other ways to get discounted luxury goods.
- Melissa Singer was tipped off about the \_\_\_\_\_ and after a month-long investigation.
- The store had a certificate of authenticity from \_\_\_\_\_ authenticators.
- She had gone back to the Gucci website and put both bags side by side to compare and make sure that they were \_\_\_\_\_ items.
- She was shocked to finally \_\_\_\_\_ a real designer piece but when her bag arrived she had concerns.
- To sell authentic cut price \_\_\_\_\_ but some \_\_\_\_\_ customers believe the real bags they bought are actually fakes.

## 03 Speak Up.

You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.

1 Have you ever dreamed of having an authentic designer bag? If yes, specifically which one?

2 How good can you tell the differences between original luxury items and fake items?

3 When buying things for yourself, does the brand and tag matters? Why or why not?

4 Do you agree that luxury items are good investments? Why or why not?

## 04 Building Deeper.

Choose the **words** from the article, or the vocabulary activity before. Write them under their corresponding categories. Do your best to **create examples** that can **help you remember** and understand the word better.

### FAVORITE WORDS

Words that you think you will use on a daily basis

WORD	01
+ example	

### INTERESTING WORDS

Words that you find interesting for the first time

WORD	01
+ example	

### DIFFICULT WORDS

Words that you find difficult to say or understand

WORD	01
how can I understand better + example	

WORD	02
+ example	

WORD	02
+ example	

WORD	02
how can I understand better + example	

# The greatest luxury in life is being free.



## Notes

Good job for finishing the lesson through. If you were to **give yourself stars** for doing your best, how many stars will you give to yourself for today's hardwork?



### KEY ANSWERS

A1  
1H 2I 3J 4B 5G 6A 7D 8E 9F 10C

A2  
1 authenticity      6 reputable  
2 suspicions      7 legitimate  
3 counterfeit      8 flaunt  
4 privilege, hefty      9 couture, devastated  
5 allegations

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