**Shopping Online For a New TV**

Mai and Thao just moved in to a new apartment in

St. Paul. The have budgeted for a new TV. They have

both been saving $50 a month for three months, so they

have about $300 to spend. The Rosedale Mall and other

stores that sell *electronics*, like Best Buy, are not too far,

but they know this is a busy time of year for shopping.

The wanted to avoid the crowds, so they decided to shop online with Thao’s iPad.

 Mai knows that most stores have free in-store pickup for any purchases done online. If they find a TV they like, they can buy it, then pick it up at the store when it’s *convenient*. They decided to check out **bestbuy.com**.

 The Best Buy website had a lot of information. Mai and Thao felt *overwhelmed* by the choices. They weren’t sure where to click first. There was an icon that said **TVs**, so they clicked on that. There were still so many TVs to choose from! They realized they needed to make a list of things they wanted the TV to be.

Here’s their list:

1. Store Pickup at the **Roseville** Best Buy store
2. Price: $300 maximum
3. TV Screen Size: 40-43 inches
4. Customer rating: 4 stars or more
5. Resolution: 1080p - Full HD

On the website, they used the menu on the left side to narrow their choices. After they made these selections, the website showed them 7 TVs that met their search *criteria*. They were happily surprised to find out that most of TVs were under $200! They had saved more than enough money. They chose an Insignia $43 inch TV that cost $149.99.

They clicked to add it to their cart, chose Free Pickup at the Roseville store, and paid online with Mai’s credit card. Before they could check out, they had to enter some information, including Mai’s name, address, email, phone number, etc. They had to enter her credit card number, expiration date, and the *CVC number* on the back of her card. A few minutes later, she received an email receipt with her order number and *confirmation*. About one hour later, she received another email saying their order was ready to pick up in the store! All they had to do was bring in her phone to the pick up desk and show the cashier the email receipt with the bar code, like this:



**Mai**

**Vocabulary matching:**

electronics (n.) easy to do; easy to use; easy to go to

convenient (adj.) feeling too much at once, confused

overwhelmed (n.) TVs, DVD players, computers, tablets, speakers, etc.

criteria (n.) 3 digit number on the back of debit & credit cards; for security

CVC number (n.) reminder of a choice or action, especially after making an appointment or buying something

confirmation (n.) options/choices available when choosing to do or buy something

**Discussion:**

1. Why did they decide to shop online? Do you think that was a good decision? Why or why not?
2. What is **in-store pick up**? What does that mean?
3. Have you ever bought any electronics online? What did you buy? What website did you use?
4. Who paid for the TV in the story? Do you think they will split the cost? Do you think Thao will pay Mai back for his half? How much does he owe her?

**Partner Activity in the Learning Lab:**

1. Go to: **bestbuy.com**
2. Click on **TVs** on their homepage
3. Use the menu on the left side to make the same choices that Mai and Thao did:

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1. Choose one TV that meets **all** their criteria.
2. Use your phone to take a picture of that TV on your computer screen.
3. Email that picture to Adam: **hubbsadam@gmail.com**
4. Tell Adam after you’ve emailed it.