Helen was given some money for her birthday, so last Saturday she went shopping with her boyfriend Steve on Rodeo Drive, where all the popular shops are in Los Angeles. It wasn’t January, when the big sales are on, but in some of the stores the prices were reduced. Helen was looking for a new top or jacket. Steve wasn’t looking for anything in particular, but he was hoping Helen might buy him a present.

Helen found a blouse she really liked but when she was told the price, she said, “How much?” It was 100 dollars, and that was too much for Helen.

They were getting tired, but it wasn’t long before they found a small store with a big sign in the window saying “Special Discount Prices.” They went in, and Helen immediately saw a jacket that she liked. “I’m sure it’s too expensive,” she said to Steve, but when she looked at the price, she couldn’t believe it. Only forty dollars. She bought it and was very happy, and so was Steve, because he was given a CD as a present by Helen.

Write about something you bought recently. Think about these things:
• What did you buy?
• Where did you buy it?
• Why did you buy it?
• How much did it cost?