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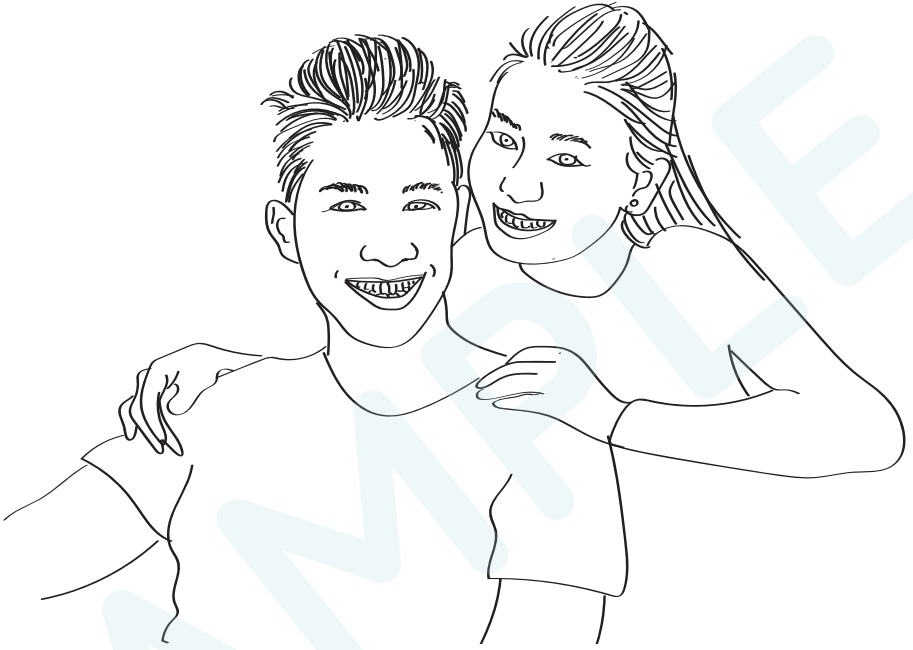
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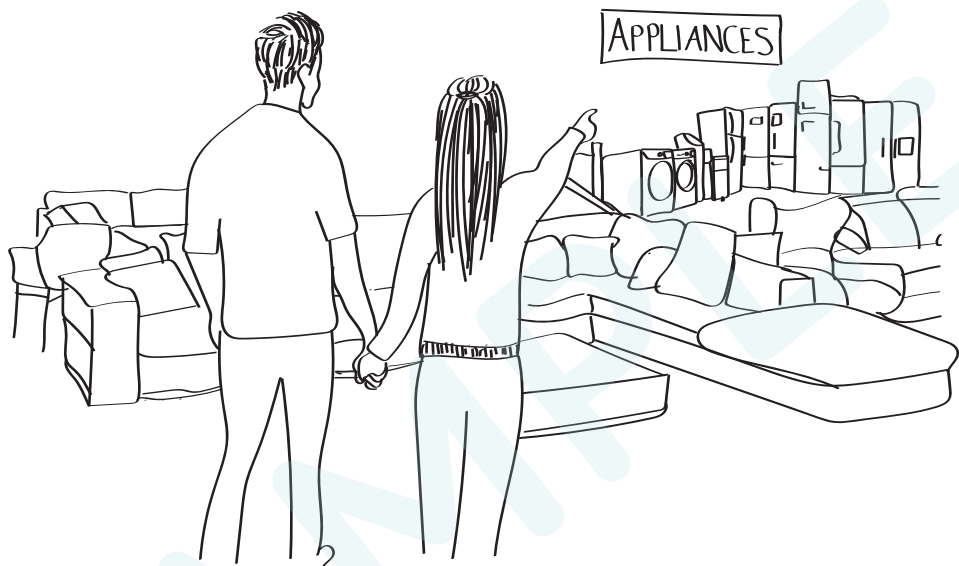
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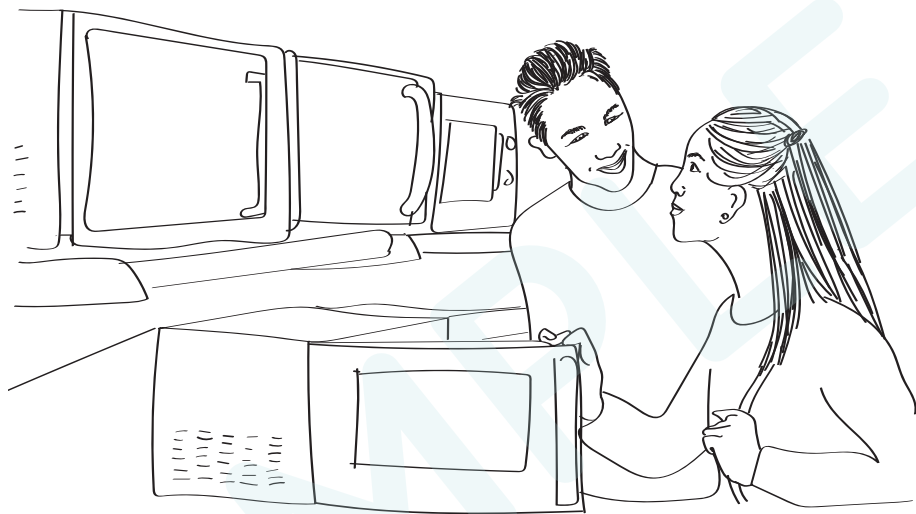
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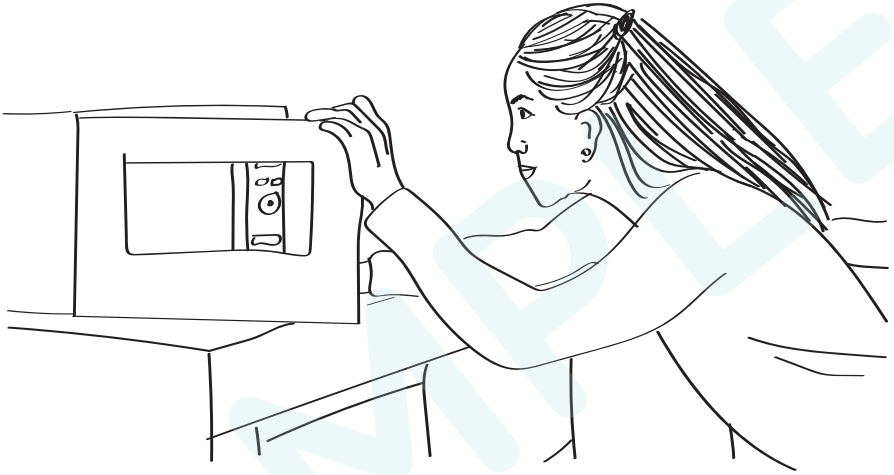
Last week, Chen and his girlfriend Lin moved into a new house. They needed to buy a microwave.



Chen and Lin went to the home appliances store. They looked for a new microwave.

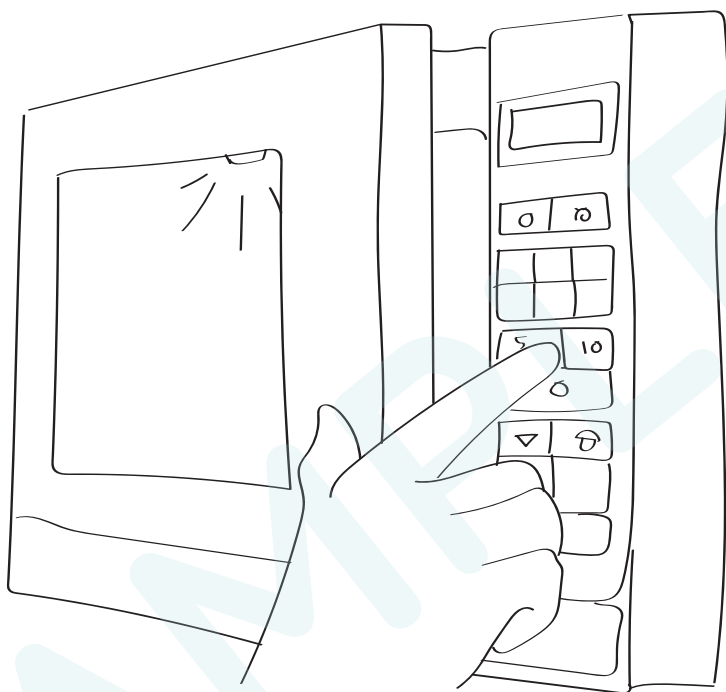


There were a lot of microwaves.  
They found one that they liked.

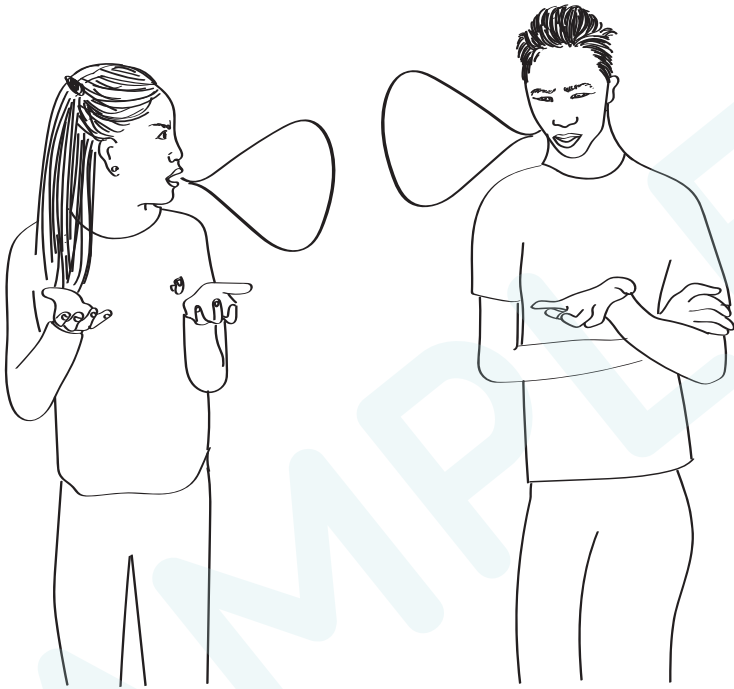


They took it home and opened the box.  
Lin plugged the microwave in and  
turned it on.



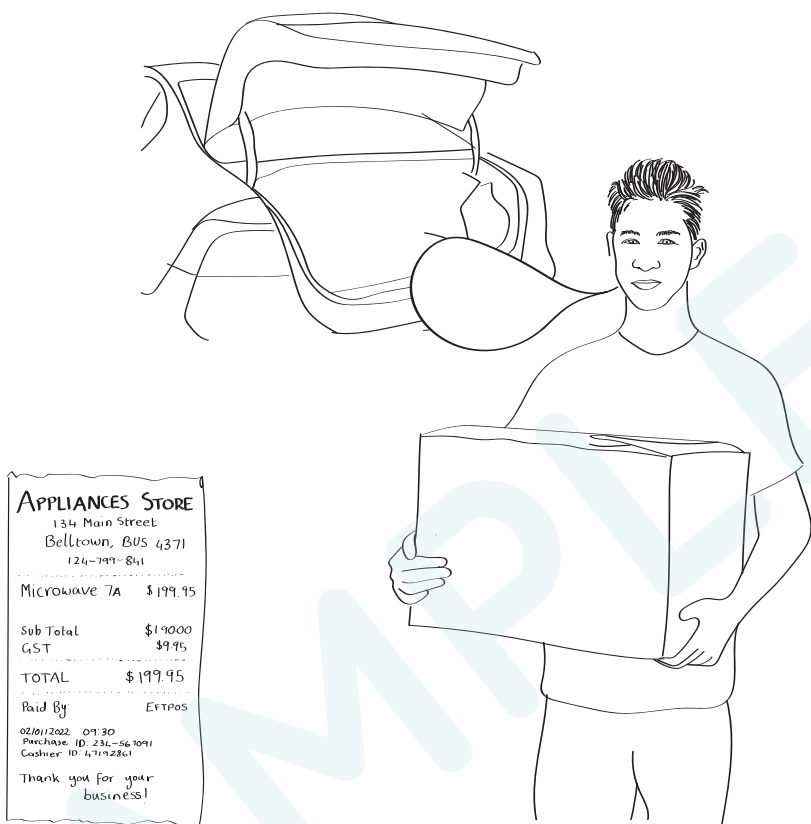


They had a problem. The light turned on but the buttons didn't work.



“This microwave doesn’t work,” said Chen.

“Yes, it is broken,” said Lin



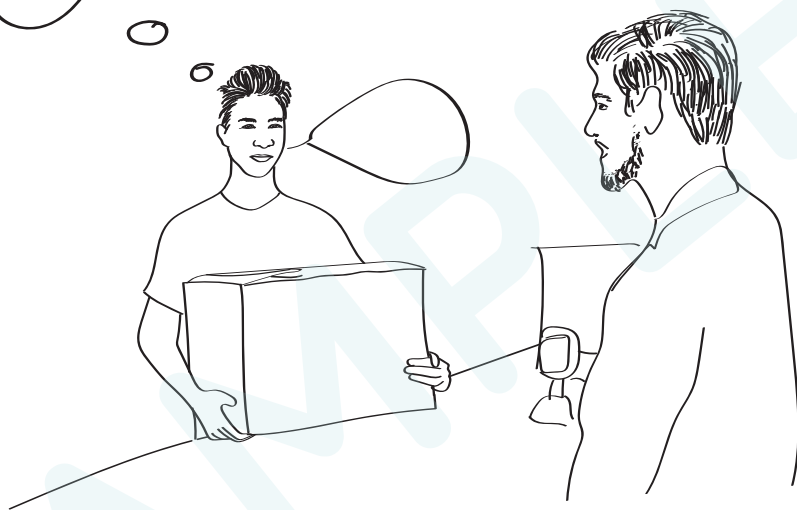
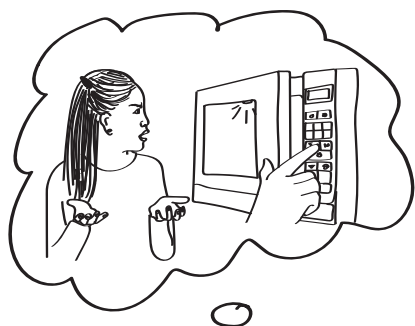
Chen decided to take it back to the store. He put the microwave in the box and found the receipt.



When Chen arrived at the store, it was busy. He waited in a long line.



“Next please,” said the cashier.  
Finally, it was Chen’s turn.



“How can I help you?” asked the cashier.

“Hi, I bought this microwave today.

It doesn’t work,” said Chen.



“What happened when you turned it on?” asked the cashier.

“I pressed the buttons but they didn’t work,” said Chen.



The cashier got the microwave out of the box and looked at it. It was in good condition.





“Do you have the receipt?” asked the cashier. Chen gave him the receipt.



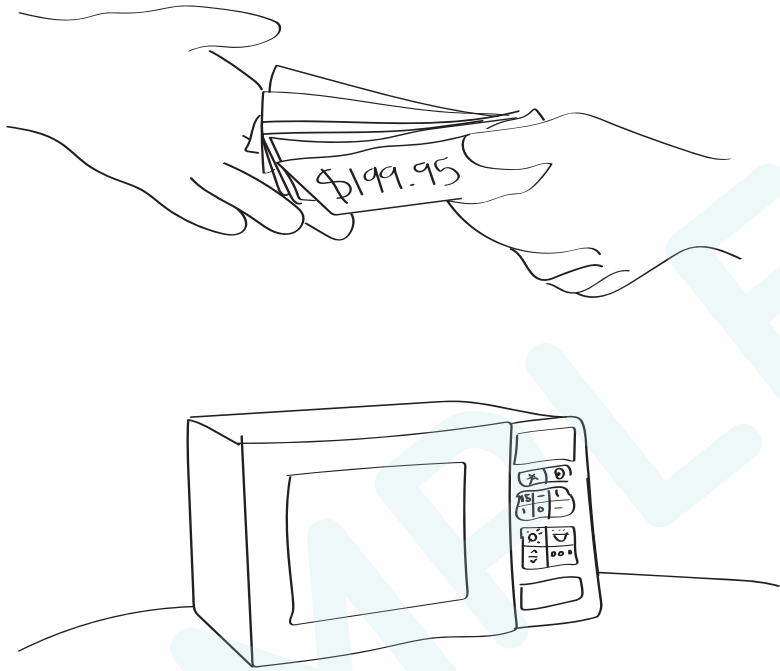
The cashier read the receipt and nodded.

“Would you like a refund or an exchange?” he asked.

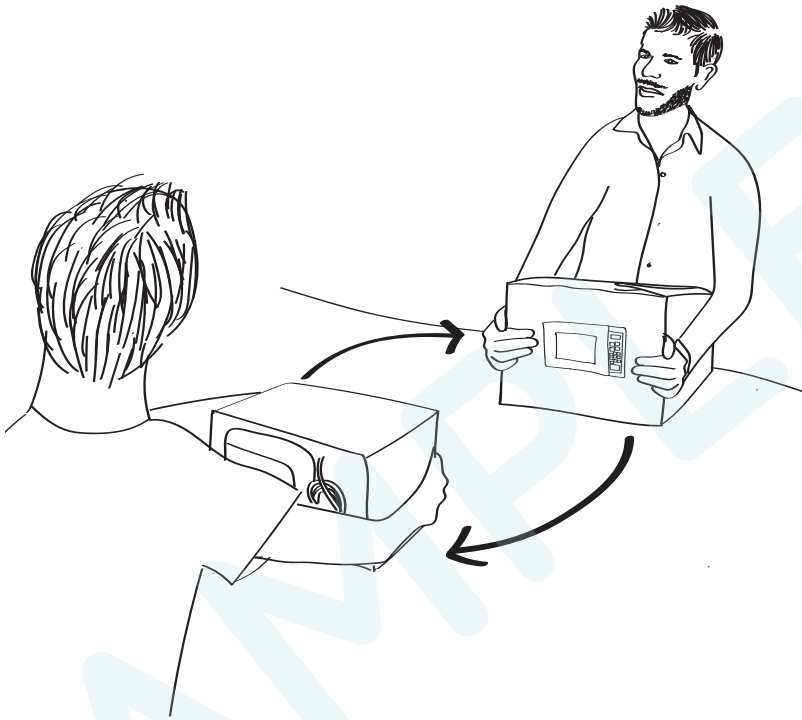


Chen was confused.

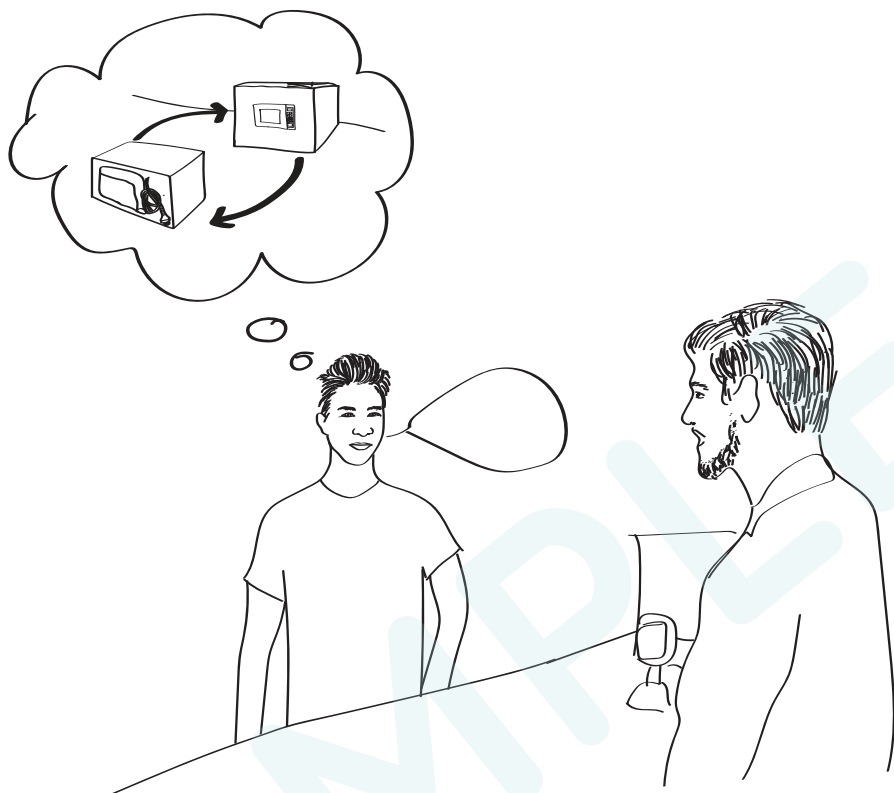
“What is the difference between a refund and an exchange?” he asked.



“A refund means you get your money back for the microwave,” said the cashier.



“An exchange means you can change this microwave for something new in the store. You have \$199.95 to spend,” said the cashier.



“I want a new microwave so I will get an exchange please,” said Chen happily. The cashier gave him a small card with \$199.95 on it.

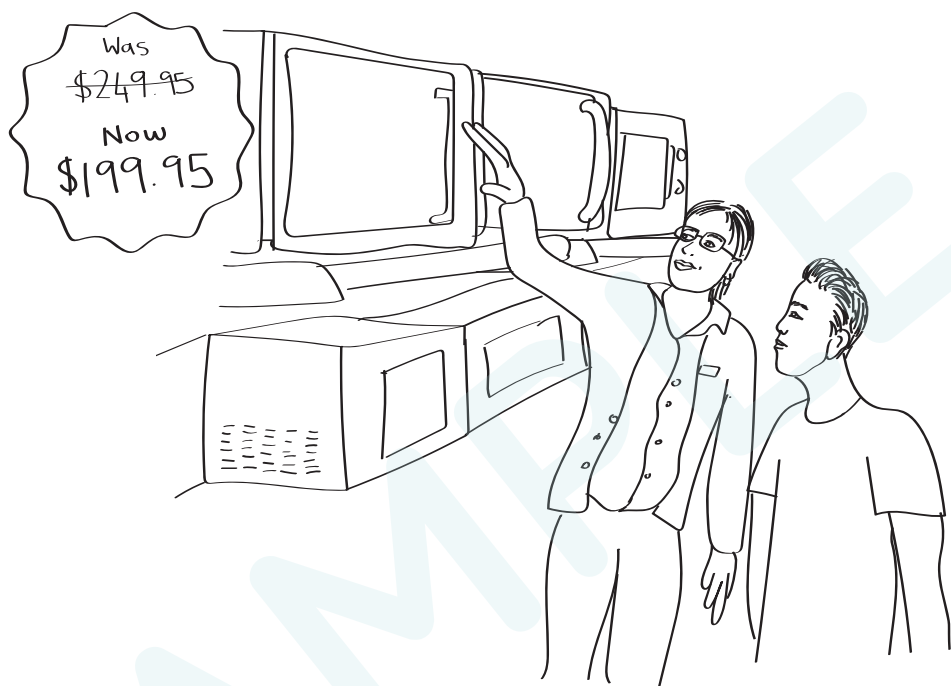


“This is your store credit. You can buy a new microwave or anything else in the store with this,” said the cashier.

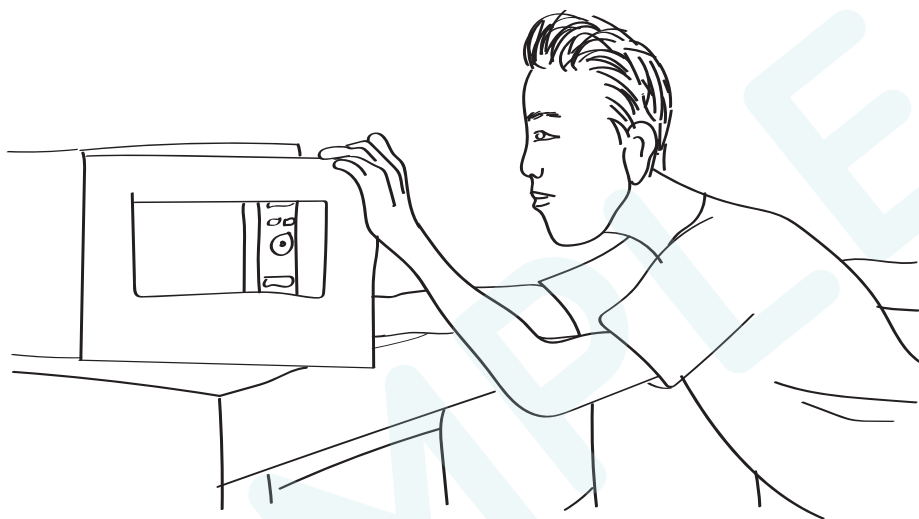


Chen took the card. He looked for someone to help him choose a new microwave. He didn't want to make the same mistake and get a broken one!

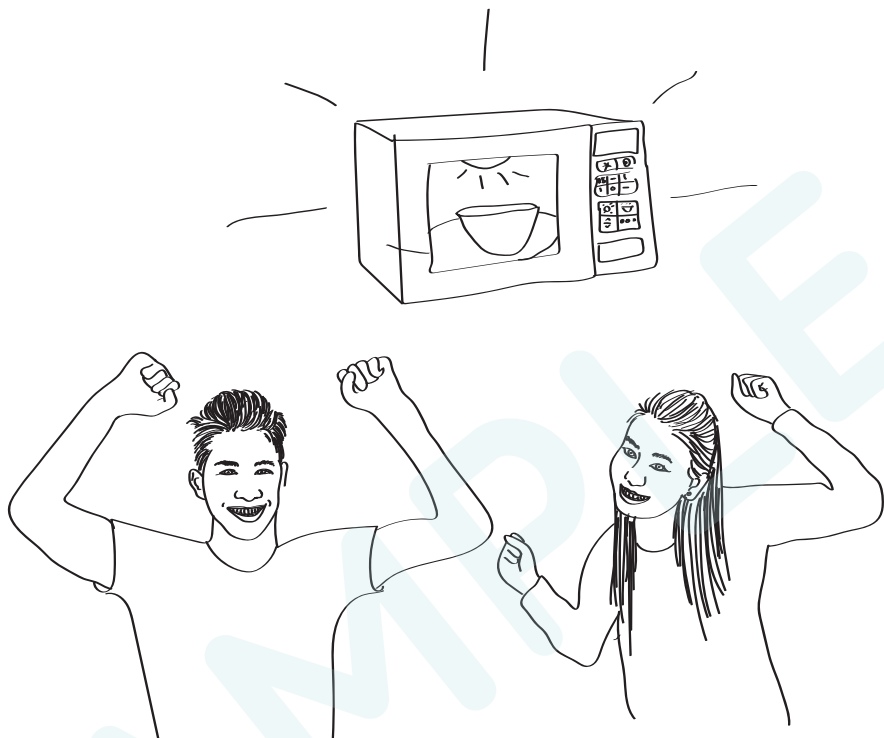




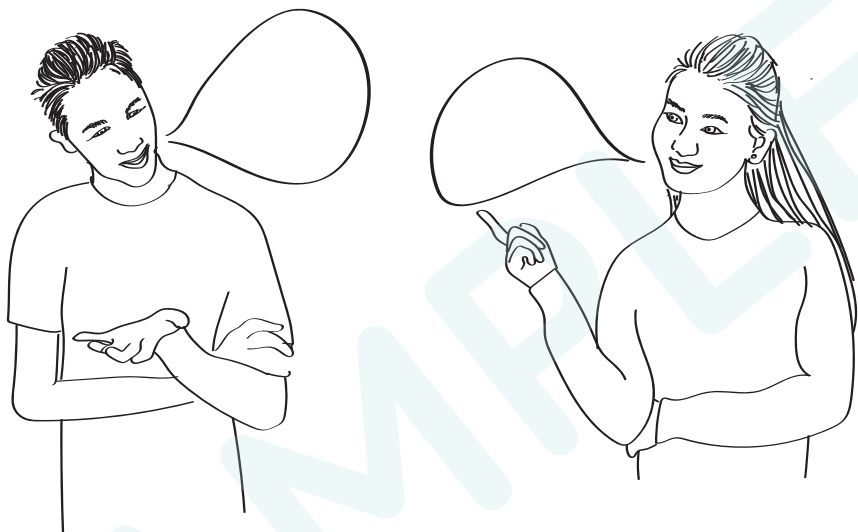
The sales assistant was helpful and gave Chen information about all of the microwaves. She helped him choose one that was on sale for \$199.95.



Chen bought the microwave and took it home to try it out. This microwave worked well!



Chen was happy that this microwave worked but he was tired too. It was a long day!



“Maybe next time we want to buy an appliance, we can ask someone to help us choose a good one,” he said to Lin. Lin nodded. “I agree!”





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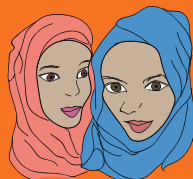
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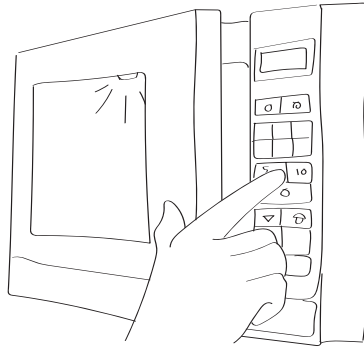




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They buy one but there is a problem.  
Will they be able to fix it?



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