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Post-Trip Lesson Plan The Catalogue

Instructions: Look at the items below and their prices in 1897. In the spaces provided write: higher (if you think the price today is higher), lower (if you think the price today is lower), or the same (if you believe the price today is about the same).

Any items that were not sold at the local general store or specially items like a new toy or dress would be bought from a catalogue. These items could take from one to three months to arrive.

Item:	Price 1897:	Price Today:
Violin	\$ 2.85	
A Bed room set: a dresser, bed, and commode	\$ 15.00	
100 piece China set	\$ 11.50	
Camera	\$ 20.00	
250 Envelopes	\$0.75	



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What pattern do you see in comparison with the prices in 1897 and today?

Knowing that these are specialty items do you think these prices were cheap or expensive in 1898? Explain.

Sources:

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