

MARKETS

Read the text below and decide which word best fits each space.

In practically any country in the (1) _____, you are (2) _____ to find a market somewhere. Markets have been with us since (3) _____ times, and arose wherever people needed to exchange the goods they produced. For example, a farmer might have exchanged a cow for tools. But just as times have (4) _____, so have market practices. So, (5) _____ in early times the main activity (6) _____ with markets would have been "bartering" - in (7) _____ words exchanging goods - today most stall-holders wouldn't be too (8) _____ on accepting potatoes as payment, for instance, instead of cash.

In contrast, what might be a common (9) _____ in a modern market in some countries is a certain amount of "haggling", where customer and seller eventually (10) _____ on a price, after what can sometimes be quite a heated debate. However, behavior which is (11) _____ in a market in one country may not be acceptable in another. Even within one country, there may be some markets where you could haggle quite (12) _____ and others where it would be (13) _____ not to try!

