

ELEMENTARY A2

UNIT 2 – SHOP TILL YOU DROP

READING

Harrods – All things. For All people, Everywhere

1. Read and listen to the text.



A

"Enter a Different World," it says in the entrance of Harrods in Knightsbridge, London, and visitors do just that. Harrods is not the oldest, but it's probably the most famous department store in the world.

B

In the beginning, Harrods was just a small grocer's. Charles Henry Harrod opened it in 1849. His son took over and added fruit, flowers, sweets and a delivery service. It became an official supplier to the Royal Family. It is now more than just a shop. It is a London landmark, a must-see UK tourist attraction.

C

35,000 people visit Harrods every day. In addition to its 300 departments, selling everything from clothes to caviar, there are twenty-six restaurants and cafés, a bank, a travel agent's and the biggest hair and beauty salon in Europe. It employs over 4,000 staff, including the famous doormen (known as 'Green Men'), security guards dressed as ordinary shoppers, doctors and nurses – even its own fire brigade!

D

The busiest month for Harrods is December, with 100,000 Christmas shoppers per day. But the busiest day of all is Boxing Day, the first day of the January sales, with over 300,000 customers! A lot of people sleep outside all night to be first in when the doors open. Harrods makes things easier for them by handing out food, hot drinks and blankets!

2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are True or False.

1 Harrods is the oldest department store in the world.

True

False

2 Harrods started as a grocer's in 1849.

True

False

3 300,000 people visit Harrods every day.

True

False

4 The largest hair and beauty salon in the world is in Harrods.

True

False

5 There is no pet department in Harrods now.

True

False

3. Read the text and match the headings to the paragraphs.

1 History of the Store

A

2 The Sales

B

3 Location & Reputation

C

4 Recommendation

D

5 Departments & Services

E

4. Drag the words to complete the collocations.

security

January

fire

hot

delivery

tourist

1 guard

4 attraction

2 service

5 brigade

3 drink

6 sales

Video

5. Watch the video and choose the correct answer.

1 In the beginning, Harrods was ...

- A just a delivery service.
- B a grocery store.
- C the royal family's official supplier.

3 Harrods welcomes ...

- A more than 300,000 visitors a day.
- B around 4,000 shoppers per day.
- C 300,000 customers on Boxing Day.

2 Harrods has ...

- A more than 300 department stores.
- B the biggest café in Europe.
- C everything from clothes to caviar.

4 Today most people just come ...

- A to buy something small and get one of the famous green bags.
- B to visit a famous landmark.
- C for hot drinks and food.