

READING

1 Quickly read about Matt and Annika's shopping experiences. Who might buy these things? Write M or A.

books clothes food school bag second-hand goods

Last month we invited you to send in your photos and articles about the last place you shopped. We decided to print these two answers from Matt and Annika. How different!



I really like going round the markets with my friends. There are markets on the first Sunday of the month near my house. They sell lots of different things. The market is divided up into different areas so for example there's the food area. You can't miss it because there's a big sign above the entrance. You can do your weekly grocery shopping, you know, fruit and vegetables, or you can just have a coffee and a piece of cake there. Then there's the clothes section, which my sister loves but I think is really boring. I mean, clothes are clothes! One thing I like best about the market is the second-hand goods area – that's where you can find anything and everything! There are old books, furniture, kitchen equipment and some really amazing objects. The other week I found a really old paperweight; you use it to stop papers from blowing away. It's made of heavy glass and it's beautiful because you can see different colours in it. I think it's an antique. But I think the best part is the entertainment. There's always someone playing some music. It's such a great atmosphere.

Matt, aged 15

I think the last time I bought something was online. I generally buy all my clothes online these days. It's so much easier and it's really convenient. Also, you can get all the latest fashions from Europe. Here in New Zealand we have to wait for ages for things to come from Europe into the shops. I think it's because we are so far away and our winter is in the European summer. But now with online shopping, it doesn't matter. I have several apps that are looking out for what I want. At the moment, I've got an app searching for a cool school bag that I saw online. Of course, I have to look out for delivery charges! But I usually manage to get some great discounts. I think that's the great thing about technology and it's definitely made a difference for those of us who live a long way away!

Annika, aged 16



2 Read the article again and answer these questions.

- 1 When is the market near Matt's house?
- 2 What is Matt's favourite part of the market?
- 3 What did he buy there? And what is it used for?
- 4 What adds to the atmosphere of the market in Matt's opinion?
- 5 What does Annika buy online?
- 6 Why does she say that fashions can take a long time to get to New Zealand?
- 7 How does she find her items?
- 8 What is she looking for at the moment?

EP Word profile: thing

Complete the sentences with a phrase from the box. You need to use one phrase twice.

a thing that kind of thing the thing
the same thing things like that

- 1 Mark says that there isn't on TV tonight.
- 2 I like about Sarah is that she's always happy.
- 3 I spent the weekend tidying my room, watching TV, you know,
- 4 I lost my favourite pen and I've got another one but it isn't
- 5 When you visit me, we'll do some sports, like swimming and
- 6 with smartphones is that they use a lot of battery.