Phonetic

Bird – culture – choose – night – club – look – nature – girl – church – century – roof – fun - jump

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Active or passive sentences

1. They often listen to music.
2. She is reading the newspaper now.
3. These cars are produced in Japan.
4. Alan teaches geography.
5. German is spoken in Austria.
6. Lots of houses were destroyed by the earthquake in 1906.
7. Henry Ford invented the assembly line.
8. The bus driver was hurt yesterday.
9. You should open your workbooks.
10. Houses have been built.

Text

Christmas will soon be here again. For Britain's shops, specially shops in cities, November and December are the busiest months of the year. In fact, some big shops do half their year's business in those two months.

On Christmas Day, the shops are shut. But you can still do your shopping on Christmas Day if you want to shop on the Internet ! Internet shops never shut!

Most people, however, spend their money before Christmas. "Christmas shopping" is different from ordinary shopping, and people like to do it differently. They go to different shops, more expensive shops very often. They don't just buy food from their supermarket and clothes from big department stores. They look round, they take time (if they can), and they choose.

City shops do their best to attract them with exciting windows, and special offers. In the West End of London, shops spend thousands of pounds on lights, decorations, and special window displays. Some visitors come to London, just to see the lights and shop windows; but others come to shop in famous shops like Harrod's or Hamley's, Europe's biggest toy shop.

For shop assistants, it is a frantic season . There is not much time to rest. Just time for a cup of coffee or tea perhaps, then back to work.

It's a good season for pay! As Christmas gets nearer, shops stay open longer, sometimes until 10 p.m. That means more pay for the staff. It also means extra staff. Some people find a job, for a few weeks at least.

Out in the streets, which were so busy a few hours before, there is hardly anyone. Just a few people going home, or singing in the street.

Adverbs	ING-form	Passive	Who-whose-which