

Reading

3 Read the texts about three unusual shops. Match the shops A–C with the sentences 1–5. Some of the shops match with more than one sentence.

A

BARTER BOOKS

Barter Books in the north of England may not be famous but one of their discoveries is. The bookshop is situated in an old railway station in the town of Alnwick. Many of the original features of the station still exist. There are open fires during the winter and the station buffet still offers tasty snacks and a chance to rest aching feet. In 2001, the owners of the shop bought a box of old books and found a forgotten poster from the Second World War inside. They put it up in the shop and the people who came in were so interested that the shop started selling copies of it. Other companies soon did the same. The poster was red with a picture of a crown at the top. Underneath were five words: *Keep calm and carry on*.

B

CYBER CANDY

There are currently six Cybercandy stores, four of which are in London. They are sweet shops but with a difference. They import sweets from all over the world. These are not just famous brands but little known, hard to find sweets and drinks as well. They also have an online store which makes it easy to find exactly what you want. The products are listed by type of sweet, by country of origin and even by colour. Very useful if you only want blue sweets. One category you may not be so keen on is real insect candy but, whatever your likes, you're sure to find something delicious at Cybercandy.

C

RAG TRADE BOUTIQUE

The Rag Trade Boutique in Bristol understands its customers well. According to surveys, women regularly wear only about 10 percent of the clothes in their wardrobes. However, they also like to buy more clothes. That's why, at the Rag Trade Boutique, you can take in any designer

clothes you don't want and, when the shop sells them, you get up to 50 percent of the money, depending on whether you choose cash or the chance to buy something else in this wonderful shop. Only clothes in good condition are accepted and it's a great place to find bargains. The longer the clothes stay in the shop, the more the prices are reduced but, don't delay, anything unsold after seven weeks is given away to charity.

1	Customers can get a share of the shop's income.	
2	The architecture has largely been preserved.	
3	You can sit and eat while you shop.	
4	You don't have to leave home to buy something.	
5	The majority of the shops are located in one city.	

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