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BLACK FRIDAY or BUY NOTHING DAY?

We talk to two young New Yorkers about Black Friday.

Thanksgiving is probably the most important national holiday in the USA. It's on the fourth Thursday in November and families prepare and eat special food together. But now the day after Thanksgiving is also an important date in the US calendar. The fourth Friday in November in the USA is called Black Friday and it is the busiest shopping day in the year. Why is it so busy? There are a number of reasons. After their Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, many people don't return to work before the weekend and they go shopping on Friday. It is also traditionally the beginning of the Christmas season and many people start their Christmas shopping on this day.

Chantelle Davies, 21, and three friends are standing in a queue outside Macy's on 5th Avenue. 'I love Black Friday,' she says. 'It's 5 a.m. and this is the longest queue on 5th Avenue, but that's OK. All the big department stores have sales or they give special discounts on Black Friday. I can get the best bargains today.' When the doors of Macy's open at 6 a.m., everyone immediately runs into the store. Half an hour later, Chantelle leaves Macy's with three bags full of shopping. She shows me her purchases – two mobile phones ('They were half price!' she says.) and some designer clothes for her boyfriend.

Some people, however, celebrate the Friday after Thanksgiving in a very different way. They prefer to call this day Buy Nothing Day. Brad Simpson, 24, is at a large supermarket. 'I'm not spending my dollars today,' he says. 'I'm keeping my wallet in my pocket. North Americans are the biggest consumers in the world. We live in a rich country, but we always want more things! We want to have the fastest car on the street, or the latest gadget. We use credit cards to buy unnecessary things and then we have problems with debt. It's crazy! Today my friends and I are talking to people about Buy Nothing Day. You can buy things, but you can't buy happiness!'

■ bargains ■ consumers ■ credit card ■ debt ■ discount ■ dollars ■ half price ■ purchases ■ sale
■ wallet

- 1 When a shop has a, it makes the prices lower on some items.
- 2 This skirt isn't £50 now – it's £25. That's
- 3 Oh, no. I can't find my! It's got all my money in it!
- 4 I don't have any money, but I can pay for this with my
- 5 We can get some really good at this store today. It's giving a 10% on all its winter clothes.
- 6 Many people spend too much money and then they have problems with
- 7 are people who buy things.
- 8 This store is closing. Please pay for your now.