B2 FIRST –READING PART 2
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A new summer programme

This summer, a group of 16-year-old students are taking **(0)** ...part... in a three-week programme designed to teach them new skills and **(1)** ..... them used to working with people they have never met before. **(2)** ..... things go according to plan, in two years' time, nearly one in six teenagers will be involved in the programme with **(3)** ..... eventual aim of offering it to **(4)** ..... young person in the country. **(5)** ..... far, our group has spent two weeks living **(6)** ..... from home (many for the first time), initially on an outdoor course, with activities **(7)** ..... as rock climbing, rafting and trekking, and then spending a week in self-catering accommodation where they are planning and setting up a volunteering project. At the moment, the students are putting their plans into action not **(8)** ..... by cooking for themselves, but also by organising a night outside sleeping rough in order to raise money for a local homeless shelter.

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Shopping online versus shopping locally

Most people want a busy shopping street **(0)** .....in..... their town with butchers, bookshops, boutiques, cafés and restaurants, **(1)** ..... makes it depressing to see so many shops becoming vacant. Experts predict that **(2)** ..... to 40% of shops will be forced to close in the next five years.

No one wants to see their high-street shops disappear, **(3)** ..... why would people want to shop locally? Internet shopping sites offer discount prices along with 24/7 shopping and deliveries. **(4)** ..... to a recent report, some products, such as toys, are as **(5)** ..... as 60% cheaper online.

Local shops should be more **(6)** ..... clubs which provide personal service and social relationships, and each shop should be seen **(7)** ..... something unique. To meet this need, in some parts of the world shops shut for hours during the day, then do excellent business in the evening, when they aim to give customers **(8)** ..... more satisfying experience than they would ever have from shopping online.

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