

- **Answer the questions.**

- 1) What has already been the popular place to buy and sell?
- 2) What percent of town centre shops are now empty?
- 3) Where have all the shoppers gone?
- 4) When was The Oracle opened?
- 5) How many shops has The Oracle today?
- 6) When was The Burlington Arcade opened?
- 7) Was The Burlington Arcade one of the first world shopping centres?
- 8) How long is the Arcade?
- 9) Are The Burlington Arcade's owners going to modernize it?
- 10) What percent of retail transactions take place online?

- **Fill in the gaps.**

1) The Oracle costed ____ million pounds to build. Today it has shops from ____ different levels and covers over ____ thousand square metres. Shoppers can browse their ____ labels, have a ____ or a ____ in one of its 22 ____, cafes and ____ or even ____ a _____. With its glass ____ and riverside ____, The Oracle offers the 21st century shopping _____.

2) ____ George Cavendish, the man ____ built The Arcade, said it was for the sale of jewellery and ____ articles. Today shoppers can still ____ luxurious and unique ____ such as handmade ____ and silverware, precious ____ and even these golden slippers.

3) The Burlington Arcade and The Oracle are two very _____ shopping centres, but both are almost always _____. Experts predict that this is _____ to _____ as online shopping _____ more popular and _____ start to shop from _____.