

8 Read the text. Match sentences A–G with gaps 1–5. There are two extra sentences.

Shopping habits in the UK have changed over the last sixty years, and this can be seen in the changing appearance of any British high street – the main shopping street in a town or city. In the 1950s, high streets had rows of individual shops selling different things. There was a greengrocer's next to a butcher's next to a baker's, and people visited each place to do their shopping. ¹ ____ The high street was a sociable place to be.

This started to change in the 1970s with the arrival of supermarkets. ² ____ People didn't need to go to individual shops any more. At the same time, more and more people had freezers in their houses. So this new type of shop, along with a new way of storing meat and fruit at home, meant that instead of doing a small shop every few days, people could buy all the food that they needed for a week, or sometimes even a month.

As supermarkets became more popular, they changed from small local shops to huge superstores. And because of their size, many of these supermarkets were outside town. They took people away from the high street. ³ ____ The idea was to get customers to spend all their money in one place. But this meant that the shops on the high street started to close down as they lost their customers.

These days more and more people are choosing not to go to supermarkets to do their shopping. Instead, they are using the internet to shop from home and get their shopping delivered. ⁴ ____ It may be because of this that people have stopped doing big weekly or monthly shops. ⁵ ____ So, in many ways, people seem to be going back to the way people shopped in the 1950s.

- A So people aren't spending as much any more and the superstores are trying to attract more customers.
- B This new type of shop encouraged customers to spend much more money.
- C Most people did this every few days in order to buy fresh food.
- D Now they go to shops more frequently to buy what they need for the next few days.
- E People are also trying to spend less money, so a new type of discount shop has become very popular.
- F They also tried to offer customers everything that they needed, like a coffee shop, a hairdresser's and a chemist's.
- G They gave people the chance to buy everything that they needed in one place.

9 Read the blog posts. Match the writers (Emily, Mary, Stella and Cameron) with the sentences (1–5). One writer matches with two sentences.

Airbnb is a great idea. People rent out rooms in their homes so that travellers can stay in a real house rather than a hotel. There are places to stay all over the world and some are quite unusual. When I went to Paris, I stayed in Nathalie's spare room in her apartment. Although the room was nothing special, it was great to stay with a real French person. She helped me with my French and told me about some good places to go that weren't in my travel guide. One day, she even took me to her favourite café. So actually, instead of going to touristy places, I did what the locals do instead.

Emily, Manchester

I've only been camping once, but it was such a lot of work to put the tent up that I've never done it since. That's why my son booked a weekend of glamping for us. Glamping is very popular in the UK. It's like camping, but without the hard work. When we arrived at the campsite, everything was ready for us. We stayed in a Mongolian tent called a yurt. We slept in real beds and cooked our food on a fire. We even had newspapers and fresh orange juice in the morning. I loved it, but my son didn't think that it was worth all that money. I understand why he thought that, but I'll definitely do it again.

Mary, Dublin

I have the best holidays when I go to music festivals. My favourite is called WOMAD, which stands for World of Music and Dance. They happen all over the world, but the one I go to is in Wiltshire in July. I love it because you can listen to music from around the world and you can try things that you've never done before, too. There's lots of great food to eat, yoga classes, crafts and entertainment. I never get bored. Actually, I go every year, and I've already got my tickets for next year because you get a discount if you buy them early.

Stella, Cardiff

One of my favourite holidays was on a canal boat on the river Thames. It was such a relaxing holiday. You're not allowed to travel very fast on the river, so it takes ages to get anywhere and you have time to watch the ducks and look at other wildlife. My life is very busy, so it was great to have some time just to look at things. You also go past some beautiful houses on the river. I would love to do it again.

Cameron, Bristol

This writer:

- 1 goes on the same type of holiday regularly.
- 2 enjoyed a holiday more because they didn't have to do anything.
- 3 felt they learned more about a place because of where they stayed.
- 4 went on a holiday arranged by a family member.
- 5 liked the slower way of life.
