

1. Read the text about travelling around the USA and for questions 1 to 7, choose the correct answer.

Going to the Mall

Every city in the USA has a mall or four. There are about 1,100 malls in the US. These giant store-filled buildings are one of America's greatest entertainment options for teens and families.

Mall of America in Minnesota is the largest mall. It is so big that it has an amusement park in it, Nickelodeon Universe, with several roller coasters! There are more than 500 stores in it, about 400,000 m² and about 12,000 people work there.

But malls nowadays aren't the same as they used to be in the 80s and 90s. During those decades, teens would go to the mall and spend hours shopping, playing video games at the arcade, or just hanging out with friends. It was cool in the summer and warm in the winter. In those days, malls provided the perfect source of shopping and entertainment for entire families.

Nowadays, you can still eat in the food court and go to the movies, but there aren't many arcades left. Millennials have their Xboxes or Ps4s, and they like shopping online, which is also happening with more and more people from other generations. And as more people shop online and play video games at home, fewer people go to the mall to hang out.

Hopefully, malls will remain one of the great American pastimes. But only time will tell how people in the future will prefer to spend their time.

1 People like malls because...

- a. it is a fun place to be.
- b. it's cheap.
- c. there are so many of them.

2 Why is the Mall of America so famous?

- a. Because it's the official Mall of the country.
- b. Because it's in Minnesota.
- c. Because of its size.

3 At the mall of America, you can...

- a. visit the president of the USA.
- b. ride a rollercoaster.
- c. walk in a park.

4 What can't people do at malls very much anymore?

- a. Hang out with friends.
- b. Play video games.
- c. Go for lunch.

5 Malls nowadays ... than in the past.

- a. are bigger
- b. are more popular
- c. have fewer entertainment options

6 Why are malls dying?

- a. People prefer other options.
- b. They are too expensive.
- c. They aren't entertaining.

7 The future of malls...

- a. is going to get better.
- b. is certainly going to be bad.
- c. is uncertain.

8 Every city in the USA has four malls.

- a. True
- b. False

9 Nickelodeon Universe is in Minnesota.

- a. True
- b. False

10 Malls in the 80s were different.

- a. True
- b. False

11 In the 20th century people liked malls because they could have fun there.

- a. True
- b. False

12 More and more people go to the malls these days.

- a. True
- b. False

2. Listen to Ella and Jack talking about their free time. For questions 1 to 6, choose the correct answer.

1. Ella...

- a. works at the library.
- b. likes watching movies on TV.
- c. is at school.

2 Where was Ella's Japanese cooking course?

- a. at the library
- b. at the college
- c. at school

3. How many weeks was Ella's Japanese cooking course?

- a. seven
- b. eight
- c. nine

4 At the moment, Jack is learning...

- a. how to record music.
- b. how to play the violin.
- c. about classical music

5 What instrument can't Jack play well?

- a. the violin
- b. the drums
- c. the guitar

6 How many concerts does Jack plan to see this month?

- a. two
- b. four
- c. six