

Spotlight 9 Module 1d

Name _____

1 Read the text and use the words below to fill the gaps.

- enjoyable • organisers • activities
- satisfactory • celebration • festival-goers



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The Dubai shopping festival

A relatively new addition to the **age-old** tradition of **global**, national and local festivals, the Duhai Shopping Festival, or the DSF as it's more commonly called, is an event that offers something for everyone. It lasts for about a month, and takes place in one of the winter months every year.

What first began as a tourist attraction in 1996 is now a 1) _____ of buying and selling that welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors. Over 2,300 shops offer an **enormous** variety of goods at very low prices. 2) _____ will find even more bargains at one of the most popular attractions of the DSF, the Night Souk. This is a big street market that is open from the afternoon till the small hours of the morning. There, it is **customary** for the shoppers to haggle with the sellers over the price of something, until both the buyer and the seller agree on a 3) _____ price.

But the DSF is not only about shopping. There is a **wide range** of 4) _____ that keep everyone in the family happy. Over the years, events such as a food festival, fashion show, carnival and a fireworks display have offered visitors an 5) _____ experience. The festival 6) _____ keep surprising visitors with new, bigger and better events every year.

The Dubai Shopping Festival is a **fantastic** family event that combines shopping with fun and culture, and brings people from the four corners of the world together.

As the slogan of the festival says: "One Family, One World, One Festival".

2 Read the text again and mark the statements below as T (True), F (False) or NS (Not stated).

- 1 The DSF always takes place in the same month every year.
- 2 The DSF began as a way to make Dubai's shops more famous.
- 3 The first DSF was not very popular.
- 4 The Night Souk is a favourite with visitors.
- 5 The DSF offers different things to do every year.
- 6 A family pays less to visit the events at the DSF.

3 Match the highlighted words/phrases in the text with their meaning.

- 1 usual: _____
- 2 international: _____
- 3 great: _____
- 4 huge: _____
- 5 existing for a long time: _____
- 6 very many: _____