

5º - English - **READING** - Unit 6**Reading****New and old fashions**

There are lots of ways to buy clothes these days. You can buy them in a department store in your town or order something online from a country on the other side of the world. One thing that is becoming popular is buying second-hand or used items. (1) _____ Now they're selling them and there are probably lots of people who want to buy them.

One reason for buying second-hand clothes is that it's a good way to recycle clothes people don't want anymore. Perhaps someone is bored with the item of clothing. (2) _____ Maybe it was a birthday present that they didn't want or they had the same item already. Whatever the reason, it's much better to give it to a second-hand shop or sell it online than to throw it in the bin.

Another good reason for buying second-hand clothes is that they are often cheaper. So that's great if you're saving money! You can find lots of clothes for sale that aren't as expensive as new clothes in shops. I've bought dresses and T-shirts for half the price in second-hand shops and on second-hand websites. (3) _____ There's also another reason why I like doing this. Many second-hand shops help people without food or a home, for example. (4) _____ And that has to be good, right?

Finally, you can find really interesting clothes if you buy second-hand. Sometimes people are selling clothes from many years ago. (5) _____ My friends love it because it's so different. It's nice to find something unusual and not to look the same as all your friends.

8 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. There are two extra words or phrases that you do not need to use.

also | because | but | finally
for example | so | then

- I love buying clothes online _____ there are more things to choose from.
- Some people look at new clothes in the shops first. _____, they find them cheaper online.
- Second-hand shops are good for unusual fashions. _____, the prices are lower.
- Don't just throw away your old clothes! _____, why not give them to a second-hand shop?
- Do you love buying the latest fashions, _____ you don't want to spend too much?

9 Read the article about fashion. Five sentences have been removed from the text. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

- A** Or it could be too big for them.
- B** So I'm saving money and doing something useful at the same time!
- C** For example, I bought a hat from the 1960s online last week.
- D** But that isn't the only way you can save money.
- E** These are clothes that someone has worn before.
- F** Because of that, I decided to stop shopping online.
- G** They might not be new, but I think they still look great!
- H** However, you can end up spending a lot of money.