

Alternative shoppers

Conversation

You are going to listen to five people describe their consumer habits.

1 Listen to five people and number the photos 1-5 in the order you hear



A

B



D



C



F

2. Listen again. Which speakers (1-5)

- A feel a sense of community?
- B know about similar schemes in other places?
- C make use of things that other people have already used?
- D prefer this method to buying from large companies?
- E save money doing what they do?
- F save time doing what they do?

3. Read the comments that continue the themes the speakers are expressing. Match the comments to the speakers (1-5).

- A It's common sense, really. Buying in bulk saves money, and so does communal living. I'm using the same amount of electricity whether I'm catering for just me or for ten people.
- B It's depressing that so many people would rather just throw away something when they could easily find it a new home.
- C If we don't support the small businesses now, we're going to end up in an awful situation where we have no options left. While there is still choice, we still have power as consumers.
- D Transporting things costs more than just money. I don't enjoy eating things with a huge carbon footprint because they've flown from another country in an airplane!
- E There's a pressure to own possessions, most of which we don't need. In the past, you relied on your neighbours for things. Nowadays, if you don't own something, you go and buy one.