

## READING

## Power up

1 Are these sentences true for you?

- 1 I like having friends with me when I buy clothes.
- 2 I only enjoy shopping when I'm buying something for me.

2 Work in pairs. Match these words with the photos (A-F). There are two extra words you do not need.

headphones pens pineapple scissors sunglasses  
hoodie tennis racket watch



3 Where can you buy the things in Ex 2?

bookshop clothes shop music shop sports shop supermarket

4 Work in pairs. Make a list of three things you can buy in each shop in Ex 3. You have one minute. You get one point for each word that nobody else has!

## Read on

5 Read the article quickly and look at the photos. What is the article about?

6 Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Use the skill tip to help you.

- 1 There's only a small difference in the price of video games online and in shops.
- 2 Some shops want to improve how we buy things online.
- 3 Shop assistants aren't always friendly to customers.
- 4 With a smart mirror your friends can see pictures of you.
- 5 You pay for your shopping when it arrives by drone.

## skill tip

Look at the words in the sentences and find similar words or phrases in the text. You don't have to understand every word to find the right answer.

7 Read the text and write the correct answer in each gap. Write one word for each gap.

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I love the idea of smart mirrors. They sound fun! I often go shopping <sup>1</sup> the weekend with my friends. Last Saturday we had <sup>2</sup> great time in a new clothes shop in the town centre. I wanted <sup>3</sup> get some jeans <sup>4</sup> a party in the evening. I tried on some jeans, <sup>5</sup> they were all too big for me. I didn't buy anything. I don't think the shop assistant <sup>6</sup> very happy.

## Sum up

8 Work in pairs. What are the three main ideas in the article? What is the best idea? Why?

## Speak up

9 Work in pairs. When is shopping interesting for you? Compare your ideas.

# Say hello to a new way to shop

You want a new video game, but you don't have time to shop. What do you do? You go online and soon find it. Online prices are often a lot lower than shop prices and you can have it tomorrow. It's a fact: buying online is easier than buying in shops. But for some people going shopping is more important than just shopping. That's why some shops want to offer a better shopping experience.

Imagine this: you go into a shop and the assistant asks, 'Can I help you?' In front of you is a robot shop assistant! And why not? Robots speak different languages, remember information and they don't get tired. They're always nice to customers. Maybe they're friendlier than the usual shop assistants!

Perhaps you hate trying things on in shops? You're hot and sticky and you need your friend's help. You text your friend from the changing room. 'Can you bring me the black jeans? They're bigger than the blue ones.' Now smart mirrors are changing all of that. The mirrors are big video screens. They show you in the same clothes, but in different colours and sizes. Share the image with your friends and see what they think. 😊

So, you finally pay for your goods, but now you have heavy bags to carry. You need drone delivery to bring them to your home. It's faster than delivery by post! Drone delivery is quite a new idea at the moment, but we're getting very excited about it.

