

Grammar

1 Complete the dialogue with *so*, *such* or *such a*.

Lily: Hi, Jade, how are you?
 Jade: Great! I've had (1) nice day today.
 Lily: Have you? That's (2) good to hear.
 Jade: Yes. It's my birthday and so I've been out for a special lunch with friends. We went to that Thai restaurant and the food was (3) delicious.
 Lily: Oh, happy birthday Jade! I know where you mean. It's (4) lovely place.
 Jade: It is. Then we went bowling afterwards. It's been (5) fun!

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2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- I played football yesterday. Today my legs really ache. I wish I yesterday. Today my legs really ache.
- I don't have a TV in my bedroom. If only I in my bedroom.
- My younger sister eats her food so quickly. It's not good for her. If only my younger sister so quickly. It's not good for her.
- My English friend doesn't understand my language. If only my English friend
- I'm too short to ride the rollercoaster. If only I

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3 Complete the sentences with *any-*, *every-*, *some-* or *no-*.

- I think there's one outside. Can you look?
- There are posters for the gig where around the school. You can't miss them!
- Let's go where hot for our holidays this year.
- Can you think of thing I've forgotten to pack?
- I've got absolutely thing planned for this weekend. It will be so boring.

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4 Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

I'm not looking forward to this weekend. I've been working really hard at school and I haven't had time to make (1) plans. I have (2) to do and nowhere to go – poor me! All my friends have got plans. They've all got something to do. I'm going to be all alone with my young brothers and I'm going to have (3) boring time. If only I (4) got tickets for the Freak Out concert at the stadium on Saturday, I (5) have had something to look forward to! Next weekend I need to get better organised.

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| 1 A a | B some | C no | D any |
| 2 A something | B anything | C nothing | D everything |
| 3 A so | B such a | C so much | D really |
| 4 A have | B had | C would | D would have |
| 5 A would | B must | C can't | D will |

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Vocabulary

5 Name the type of shop to match each description.

- It's a place where you can buy cakes, bread and pies.
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- It's where you buy newspapers and magazines. It sometimes sells sweets and snacks too.
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- Pens, paper, notebooks and envelopes are all sold in this type of shop.
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- It's where you go to send letters and pay bills.
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- It's a shop that sells only vegetables and fruit.
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6 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- I lent/borrowed some money from Julie to buy a sandwich.
- I'm saving/making money to buy a new bike.
- My brother earns/spends £10 per hour when he works at the pet shop on Saturdays.
- Don't lose/waste money on clothes you'll never wear!
- Our school donated/made £5,000 to a charity for homeless people.

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7 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap.

- John: Look at that laptop. Aren't you looking for one, Jack? It's been reduced by 50%. It's a (1)!
- Simon: Yeah Joe, you're right, it is! I couldn't (2) to pay the full price, but I think I could pay that.
- John: So, are you going to buy it?
- Simon: I don't know. It feels quite heavy. I want one I can carry around with me all the time. I can't decide.
- John: Well, I'm sure if you bought it then changed your mind because it wasn't light enough, and wanted to bring it back, they'll give you a (3) – if you remembered to keep the (4) that is.

Simon: Yeah, I think you're right. It's a good price and I do really need a new laptop. I'll go and get a (5) because I might buy some other things too now that I'm here!

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8 Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

Yesterday I went sales shopping with my best friend, Marcia. It was really good fun! I think we spent most of the time in the (1) trying clothes on, rather than buying things! The shops were completely (2) because of the sales and it was so busy that we had to queue for ages to pay. When we'd finished, I was really hungry so we had a quick (3) in a café in the shopping centre. Nothing special, just a sandwich. I had to borrow some money from Marcia to get the bus home because I had only bought a (4) ticket in the morning, not a return. Silly mistake. Marcia might be starting a job soon in one of the shops we went to. It's just a Saturday job as a(n) (5) shop assistant. Perhaps she'll be able to give me discounts on my clothes when I shop there!

- A changing room B shop C wardrobe D queue
- A boiling B modern C enormous D packed
- A main course B dish C snack D food
- A single B return C journey D trip
- A employer B trainee C employee D technician

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Reading

- 9 Read the article about shopping. The headings have been removed from the article. Choose the most appropriate headings (A–F) to complete the article. There are two extra headings.

The future of shopping

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According to statistics, shopping is now considered one of the most popular pastimes in the developed world. We spend an average of 15 hours a week on shopping related activities. So what is it about shopping that we enjoy so much? The answer is that different aspects of the all-round shopping experience appeal to different people. For some it's the browsing and comparing goods to get a bargain which they enjoy. For others it's the social experience of actually going into shops with friends or relatives and looking at and trying things together. But whether you like to shop online or in-store, in your local high street or at big shopping malls, be prepared for big changes in the way we buy and sell goods over the next few years. The whole shopping experience has evolved enormously in the last few years, and it's about to change even more.

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Undoubtedly, the way we shop has changed considerably over the last two decades. One significant change, which has already had far-reaching consequences, has been the move away from individual specialist shops on the high street to shopping malls and large supermarkets in the suburbs. These enormous retail centres are designed to help us save time in our busy lives by presenting a whole range of different items for sale in one place. This is convenient as it means shoppers don't have to make time-consuming trips to different parts of town to find all the things they need. Planners also encourage shoppers to spend as much time in shopping centres as possible by including cafes and restaurants where they can eat and relax, and sometimes even leisure facilities like cinemas. The idea is to transform shopping there into a complete day out, an experience, rather than a simple necessity. And it seems that many people love this new way of shopping. The success of malls has, however, changed the centres of our towns forever. Small businesses that can't afford to compete with the chain stores in shopping malls, have had to close and there are now fewer and fewer shops in town centres.

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Another important change in the way we shop is seen in the massive increase in the number of people who now shop online. Retailers must have a website and offer their customers the possibility to order their goods via the Internet, as well as in their stores, if they want to be successful today. The development of shopping websites has meant that people can easily browse, order and pay for goods with their tablet or smartphone while sitting at home in their living rooms. The online phenomenon has also resulted in a massive change in the way we pay for goods – cash is already almost a thing of the past – and a huge increase in the growth of delivery companies bringing the goods we order direct to our homes. Now it's no longer a case of the shopper going to the shop, but of the shop coming to the shopper!

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So, what will the next big change in shopping habits be? Smart technology is already able to build a profile of our preferences and tastes from our search history online and retailers use this information to send us advertisements for similar goods which it thinks we might like to buy. Other types of technology are also being tested which can send advertising messages to our phones as we pass by different stores to encourage us to go in and buy their goods, information about special offers, discounts and new products. However, retail technology is about to go one big step further. Imagine that you are out window shopping one evening and see something that you would like to buy but the shop is closed. Soon, smartphone technology will be so advanced that you'll be able to simply point your phone at the item in the window and ... buy it! If you'd like to check the cost before you decide to pay, you'll be able to check prices for the item in other stores via a link to a price comparison website. If you find the goods cheaper in another store you can send that information back to the store and you'll receive an automatic discount. All that's left for you to do is to pay remotely using your credit card details, then wait for your goods to arrive at your home. What could be easier?

- A Will smartphone technology lead the next big change?
B The new home delivery apps
C Sofa surfers

- D Our favourite pastime
E The credit card revolution
F The rise of the mall

10 Read the article again. Are these statements True (T), False (F) or is the information Not Mentioned (NM)?

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| 1 Many people's favourite leisure activity today is shopping. | T/F/NM |
| 2 There are now fewer small shops in town centres than there were 20 years ago. | T/F/NM |
| 3 Planners try to get shoppers in and out of shopping malls as quickly as possible. | T/F/NM |
| 4 Shops need to have a website if they want to be successful. | T/F/NM |
| 5 Successful retailers today only need a website, not a shop, to sell their goods. | T/F/NM |
| 6 Shoppers want to live near enormous retail centres. | T/F/NM |
| 7 There has been a big increase in the number of delivery companies as a result of online shopping. | T/F/NM |
| 8 In the future technology will allow us to buy goods we imagine wherever we are. | T/F/NM |

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11 Read the article again and answer these questions.

- What aspects of shopping that people enjoy are mentioned in the first paragraph?
.....
- How do the planners of shopping malls encourage shoppers to spend more time there?
.....
- How has online shopping changed the way people buy and receive goods?
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- What do you think the writer's opinion about smartphone technology and shopping is?
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Use of English

12 Complete the email with one word in each gap.

Hi Benny,

I've had (1) a good day today! You know my mum and dad gave me some money for my birthday? Well, I couldn't decide what to (2) it on, but finally I decided to get tickets for me and Simon to go to the Westwood Music Festival last Sunday. Oh, I wish you had (3) there. You'd have loved it! There were (4) many bands playing that we couldn't hear all of them. There were four different stages as well as several big tents, and we just went from one to another. We all knew all the words to the songs so (5) was smiling and joining in. I haven't seen Simon in (6) a good mood for a long time! I'm glad we decided to go on the Sunday because (7) we'd chosen the Saturday, we would (8) got very wet! It poured all day, and there wasn't really anywhere to shelter properly. But on Sunday we had (9) of the sunniest days of the year so far. There's (10) better than listening to good music in the sunshine.

Anyway, I hope you've had a good weekend, too.

Love,

Lucy

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Listening

13 Listen to four people talking about shopping. Write A, B, C or D. You can use the speakers more than once.

- 1 Which speaker is an athlete?
Speaker(s)
- 2 Which speaker doesn't usually plan what he/she is going to buy?
Speaker(s)
- 3 Which speaker is a teacher?
Speaker(s)
- 4 Which speaker sometimes finds shopping unpleasant?
Speaker(s)
- 5 Which speaker is economical?
Speaker(s)
- 6 Which speaker usually goes shopping with friends?
Speaker(s)
- 7 Which speaker prefers shopping online?
Speaker(s)
- 8 Which speaker isn't influenced by publicity materials about special offers?
Speaker(s)
- 9 Which speaker doesn't usually make mistakes about what he/she buys?
Speaker(s)
- 10 Which speaker has children who enjoy shopping?
Speaker(s)

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14 Listen again and complete the sentences with two or three words in each gap.

- 1 Speaker A is an – she never decides beforehand what she's going to buy.
- 2 If something, she buys it.
- 3 Speaker B doesn't have time to go shopping because he does a lot of training
- 4 Speaker C has to wear to work.
- 5 Speaker D doesn't like the which they often play in shops.

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Total / 10

Writing

15 You recently ordered a laptop online, but it hasn't arrived. Write an email to the company explaining the problem and asking for information about what has happened.

Write 150–180 words.

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Speaking

16 Discuss this question with your partner. Make notes about your shopping habits before you begin. Then talk about them.

What type of shopper are you? Describe your shopping habits.

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Total

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