



# GOING SHOPPING

## A. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

charge	charges	discount	exchange	online shopping	service	spend
receipt	refunds	promotions	purchases	send ... back	shop	serve

1. Daisy says that markets are probably her favourite place to \_\_\_\_\_. She says you don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ much money there. But if you're a tourist, sometimes they can \_\_\_\_\_ you high prices.
2. Sean thinks that \_\_\_\_\_ is the best thing ever. He says if you spend a certain amount, you don't have to pay the delivery \_\_\_\_\_. If the item isn't right, you can usually \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Alec's favourite department store was offering a 10% \_\_\_\_\_ on some games. He also says they are really good about \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Rose uses store cards when she \_\_\_\_\_ items. Her favourite shop often has \_\_\_\_\_. Some of her schoolmates work in shops and they \_\_\_\_\_ her, which she thinks is nice. She often gets good \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Iris likes little shops. She says if you buy something and it's not right, it's easy to \_\_\_\_\_ it. You just have to show them the \_\_\_\_\_.

## B. Match the definitions in the Column A with the words or expressions in Column B.

### A

1. have enough money to buy something
2. where you pay for your goods
3. not new; already used in the past by someone else
4. a price that is lower than usual
5. the amount you paid for something was right
6. very interested in or enthusiastic about something

### B

good value for money  
checkout  
can afford  
special offer

# SHOPPING: TEEN TRENDS

It's Saturday morning and Olivia, 16, is going into town with some friends like they usually do.

Their day begins in a coffee shop. 'We have frappuccino coffees and chat,' Olivia says. **1**..... 'We like finding the latest fashions on Pinterest or Instagram.' Like adults, many teens want good value for money. 'If there's something new I want, but it's too expensive, like these cool trainers I saw the other day, I won't get them till they're on sale a few weeks later. **2** ..... And you can sometimes get discounts at the checkout when you're paying,' says Olivia. Although girls are more likely to spend money on jewellery or make-up, both sexes are into looking good and buy high-quality hair and body products. **3** ..... This means downloading apps is a favourite activity.

Teens shop on the internet because 'online companies don't always charge you as much money and it's easy' says Olivia. **4** ..... 'For example, sometimes we go to a gaming store and try out several new games. A lot of games cost more than we can afford, so we wait until there's a special offer, when you can get two games for the price of one and that kind of thing. **5** ..... There's no brand new stuff on them but you can save a lot of money.'

After that, Olivia and her friends go for lunch. 'I love any healthy food, especially organic stuff' says Olivia. 'We go anywhere that serves it — plenty of places do, but it can be expensive. After that, I don't usually have any money left!' laughs Olivia.

**C. Read the article again. Five sentences have been removed from the text. For each space choose the correct sentence. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.**

- A** Some people I know send everything back.
- B** While they're there, they also do some online shopping.
- C** They're also keen on keeping their mobile technology up to date.
- D** You can usually get anything new that way if you're prepared to wait!
- E** You can get refunds online but it takes longer.
- F** There are plenty of second-hand websites, too, where stuff's even cheaper.
- G** I'm not really interested in buying things like that.
- H** But they still enjoy looking around the shops.



## D. Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

any    any better    any good    anything  
any longer    any more    anyone    anywhere

**Example:** I don't mind what colour the trainers are - **any** colour will do.

1. Maria doesn't work in this shop .....
2. Is there ..... in this shop that would be a good present for your mum?
3. This book isn't ..... -it's so boring. I won't finish it.
4. Has ..... got David's number? I need to call him today.
5. Tony isn't feeling ..... today - the boss wants me to work this afternoon.
6. Is there ..... near here where I can buy some speakers?
7. I can't eat ..... I'm full. That was delicious!

## E. Who might buy these things? Write M or A.

books ☐ clothes ☐ food ☐ school bag ☐ second-hand goods ☐

Last month we invited you to send in your photos and articles about the last place you shopped. We decided to print these two answers from Matt and Annika. How different!



I really like going round the markets with my friends. There are markets on the first Sunday of the month near my house. They sell lots of different things. The market is divided up into different areas so for example there's the food area. You can't miss it because there's a big sign above the entrance. You can

do your weekly grocery shopping, you know, fruit and vegetables, or you can just have a coffee and a piece of cake there. Then there's the clothes section, which my sister loves but I think is really boring. I mean, clothes are clothes! One thing I like best about the market is the second-hand goods area — that's where you can find anything and everything! There are old books, furniture, kitchen equipment and some really amazing objects. The other week I found a really old paperweight; you use it to stop papers from blowing away. It's made of heavy glass and it's beautiful because you can see different colours in it. I think it's an antique. But I think the best part is the entertainment. There's always someone playing some music. It's such a great atmosphere.

Matt, aged 15



I think the last time I bought something was online. I generally buy all my clothes online these days. It's so much easier and it's really convenient. Also, you can get all the latest fashions from Europe. Here in New Zealand we have to wait for ages for things to come from Europe into the shops. I think it's because we are so far away and our winter is in the European summer. But now with online shopping, it doesn't matter. I have several apps that are looking out for what I want. At the moment, I've got an app searching for a cool school bag that I saw online. Of course, I have to look out for delivery charges! But I usually manage to get some great discounts. I think that's the great thing about technology and it's definitely made a difference for those of us who live a long way away!

Annika, aged 16

**F. You bought something from a local shop but you decide you don't want it. Write a note to your father.**

- Say what you bought.
- Say why you don't want it anymore.
- Ask him to take it back and ask for a refund.