CULTURE

SHOPPING

FACTFILE **Shopping**

Shopping is an important part of people's lives. People often want to buy different things at good prices. In English-speaking countries, these types of shops are popular:

- **Charity shops:** People give these shops clothes, books and other things they don't use or want anymore. These shops then sell these things to other people. Charity shops give the money they make to help others.
- **Street markets:** In these open-air markets, people sell vegetables, cheese, honey and other local items.
- **Shopping centres:** These are big, modern buildings with lots of shops and places to eat. In the United States, shopping centres are called 'malls'.

Read about shopping in different countries.

SHOPPING SURVEY

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We asked three teens in three different countries 'Where do you do your shopping?' Here are their answers.

1 Mark, age 14



Seattle, USA

Where: Northgate Mall, near Seattle
Why? I shop at Northgate Mall because there are lots of different stores and places to eat. I like listening to music and there is an excellent choice of technology stores in the mall. I also like Northgate Mall because it is near my house and I can walk or cycle there. I don't have a lot of pocket money, but I don't mind because I can look at things in different shops and go window shopping!

2 Karen, age 13



Dublin, Ireland

Where: Charity shops on Camden Street, Dublin
Why? I haven't got a lot of pocket money, so I need to shop carefully. Every penny counts! One way I save money is shopping at charity shops. I love going shopping in Dublin and I really love Camden Street. Some of the charity shops only have clothes people donate, but others have jewellery, other accessories and furniture.

3 Pavlo, age 13



Poltava, Ukraine

Where: Street market in Poltava
Why? I love cooking and once a week, I go with my mum and dad to the street market to get fresh fruit and vegetables. The food at the market is from local farms and my parents say the prices are great. We buy special acacia honey at the street market for making sweets. We also like drinking milk with honey on cold winter days.

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II. Read the texts again. Choose only the TRUE sentences.

1. There are not a lot of technology stores at the mall.
2. Mark walks or cycles to the mall.
3. Karen likes shopping in Camden Street.
4. Charity shops only sell clothes.
5. The street market in Poltava sells food from local farms.
6. Pavlo's family like tea with honey in winter.

III. Complete the sentences with the highlighted words in the texts.

1. When I go to the center of town, I love going _____. I don't buy anything but I look at lots of products.
2. I like buying _____ fruit and vegetables at the Farmers Market. That way, I help small businesses and farmers from the area.
3. I'm taking some clothes to the charity shop to _____ them.
4. I love shopping for hats, scarves, sunglasses and other _____.
5. I need to save every _____of my pocket money to buy a concert ticket next month.
6. I need a new phone. This afternoon my mom is taking me to a _____ store to see some different phones.

IV. Match.

You can buy fresh milk and cottage cheese there.	**Charity shop**
You can buy second-hand clothes there, or you can give away things you don't need.	**Street market**
You can buy lots of different things and even eat there.	**Shopping centre (mall)**

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