

1.2 Why spending's #trending

Vocabulary spending

1 Match special offers 1-4 to types of shops a-d.

1  **Half-price** 
on all frozen meals range
*limit of 5 identical items per customer

2 **Two for the price of one**
on all titles with yellow stickers

3 Great meal **deals** for families
See separate menu

4 **40% discount**
on men's and children's wear

- a Book shop ____ c Supermarket 1
b Clothes shop ____ d Restaurant ____

2 Match the words in bold in exercise 1 to the definitions.

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| 1 products | <u>items</u> |
| 2 a reduction in the price | _____ |
| 3 you pay for one item and receive two of the same | _____ |
| 4 a person who buys products or services | _____ |
| 5 you pay 50% of the original price | _____ |
| 6 special negotiations in certain conditions | _____ |

3 Read the text about shopping holidays and choose the best options to complete the text.

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| 1 a <u>discount</u> | b shopping | c consumer |
| 2 a shopping | b offer | c shopper |
| 3 a special offer | b deal | c item |
| 4 a purchases | b customers | c discounts |
| 5 a half-price | b purchases | c special offers |
| 6 a half-price | b bargains | c consumers |
| 7 a Deals | b Items | c Shoppers |
| 8 a half-price | b bargain | c offer |
| 9 a offers | b consumers | c purchases |

Shopping Holidays

People usually travel for different reasons: to relax, to visit historical places or to get a suntan. But more and more people now travel the world looking for a good ¹ a! Here are some top ² _____ destinations around the world:

Hong Kong It's considered the best place in East Asia to make a good ³ _____, but be careful with the shop assistants, who can persuade even the most experienced ⁴ _____ to buy something they don't really want or need!

Madrid You can find ⁵ _____ in more than 50,000 shops around town, but don't miss *El Rastro*, an enormous street market with lots of amazing ⁶ _____.

Mexico ⁷ _____ from around the world come here to buy very cheap, but high-quality, hand-made goods.

Bangkok The secret of its huge outdoor markets is to bargain with the sellers. Never accept the first price and you can even get a product ⁸ _____!

One last tip: Just make sure you have room for all your ⁹ _____ in your luggage!



Grammar state verbs

- 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

believe own seem taste understand

- 1 I believe we buy far more than we really need.
- 2 My family has _____ this business for over thirty years.
- 3 This pasta _____ fantastic! You must give me the recipe.
- 4 I don't know him very well, but he _____ very friendly.
- 5 I really don't _____ why people need to buy a new mobile phone when their old one works fine.

- 5 Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 I want / 'm wanting to buy a new laptop.
- 2 I know / 'm knowing a lot about economics.
- 3 I spend / 'm spending a lot of money eating in restaurants at the moment because I haven't got time to cook.
- 4 I have / 'm having a really hard time with this maths exercise. Can you help me?
- 5 I never buy / 'm never buying things on impulse. I always make a shopping list and only buy what's on it.
- 6 I see / 'm seeing a lot of shops on my way to work.

- 6 Are these sentences always true (A) or are they only true now (N)?

- 1 a Freshly cut grass smells great! A
b I smell smoke. Did you turn off the oven? N
- 2 a I don't understand much about chemistry. ____
b I don't understand what you're saying. ____
- 3 a I love this jacket! You should definitely buy it. ____
b I love autumn - it's wonderful. ____
- 4 a What do you mean by 'we have a problem'? ____
b What does this word mean? ____
- 5 a I have a cousin who looks like Rafael Nadal. ____
b You look exhausted. Bad day at work? ____

- 7 Read this leaflet about compulsive buying. Find and correct four more mistakes related to state verbs.

Are you a shopaholic?

- 1 The number of shopaholics is increasing all over the world. Psychologists now ^{understand} ~~are understanding~~ the reasons for this behaviour better, and have identified seven important signs:
- 5 • You're always buying items you aren't needing.
- You don't unpack your purchases but keep them in their boxes with the price tag on.
- You're wanting to go shopping every day and feel anxious if you don't.
- 10 • You're hiding your shopping from family and friends.
- You feel excited when you're shopping.
- You feel bad the next day because you're knowing you shouldn't go shopping all the
- 15 time.
- An argument or disappointment makes you want to shop.

What to do

- If these sentences are seeming true for you, you might be a compulsive shopper. There are lots of things you can do to shop less:
- 20 find a new activity, stop going to shopping centres, and don't carry credit cards when you go out - only a little cash. You can also receive help from your local support group.

I can ...

Very well Quite well More practice

talk about spending.



talk about states, thoughts and feelings.

